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Car boot painting set to make £34,000 profit

BY ALAN HAMILTON

SOMETIMES it happens on *The Antiques Roadshow*. Some dusty and unregarded artifact that has languished for generations in the family attic is identified as being a genuine Stradivarius or Hepplewhite or Constable. Sharp intake of breath by gob-smacked owner. Dream come true. Envy of neighbours.

But car boot sales? Hardly. A nationwide Sunday morning institution for the exchange of naught but the dregs of family junk. Trios of flying ducks, and yet another framed print of that ghastly green woman from Boots.

There had, by the law of averages, to be a gem among the dross sooner or later. An anonymous American holidaymaker found it recently on offer from a car boot near Bristol. He bought it for £2. Cheap at the price. But somewhere in the back of the American's mind, an alarm clock went off. Something distantly familiar about the painting, 12in by 10in, of humming-birds. Had he not seen something vaguely similar in, oh where was it, a gallery in Washington perhaps? Dammit, he couldn't remember. So he went back to London and took it to Christie's.

Aha, said Nicholas Lambourn, the auctioneers' resident American art expert. This is *Ruby Throats with Apple Blossoms*, by the American painter Martin Johnson Heade, 1819-1901.

The picture goes up for sale in New York next month, and is expected to make more than £34,000.

"This gentleman was driving down there and told me he just happened to come across a boot sale. He wandered round and spotted this picture, which rang a bell with him but he didn't know why." Mr Lambourn said yesterday. "I saw him and was able to say it came from a series of humming-bird pictures, all of which are similar. I expect he would have seen one of them when he was somewhere like the National Gallery in Washington."

Heade specialised in humming-birds. He brought his paintings to London in the 1860s, but could not find a printmaker equal to the task of reproducing his brilliant colours, so he sold his originals to Sir Morton Peto, whose descendants live near Bristol. Only four prints were published.

Another Heade original, *Brazilian Humming-birds I*, was also discovered near Bristol recently. It will appear in the same sale, with an auctioneers' estimate of between £62,000 and £82,000.



Unexpected booty: detail from the picture bought for £2 at a car boot sale

Major faces Clinton rift on airdrops

By Nicholas Wood and Martin Fletcher in washington

■ The US could begin dropping relief supplies over Bosnia this week despite the reservations of UN commanders. Britain will not help with in the operation

JOHN Major was struggling to avert a rift with the United States last night as he arrived in Washington for talks with President Clinton only hours after Britain's rejection of an American request for help in parachuting relief supplies to more than 100,000 refugees in Bosnia.

The prime minister was also trying to defuse the row over Airbus subsidies and the controversy over Conservative party support for George Bush's failed presidential campaign.

Britain's decision not to take part in a relief airdrop contained an unwelcome echo of Mr Major's pre-Christmas meeting with President Bush which was marred by disagreements over the proposed no-fly zone in Bosnia and wider tensions between Britain and the US over the conflict in the Balkans.

As the prime minister headed for Heathrow, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, was telling MPs that the American request had been turned down. "We do not have the intention of using RAF planes for this particular exercise ... although we welcome the intention of the Americans to do so."

His words masked serious misgivings in the government and the Labour leadership about the wisdom of flying supplies to areas cut off from the UN relief operation for up to 10 months.

President Clinton nonetheless appeared determined to proceed with an airlift, despite strong reservations of allies, UN commanders on the ground, and even some of his own defence officials.

The White House said an announcement about the airlift was imminent, and Pentagon planners indicated that the first flights could begin by the end of the week. Congressmen were being briefed and officials said Serb forces had been warned not to challenge the operation.

The president was meeting Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, last night to try to resolve their differences. Dr Boutros Ghali insisted on Monday that the airlift had to be authorised by, and under the command of, the UN. He questioned whether it had much use except from a "public relations point of view" and said ground convoys should remain the principal method of delivering aid. At the UN headquarters in Sarajevo, Lieutenant General Philippe Morillon, commander of the 8,000-strong UN peacekeeping force, warned of an "explosion" if the airlift went ahead. "In the current climate of paranoia everybody will shoot at everything in the air," he said, adding that the drop was absolutely unnecessary.

Pentagon planners privately said the airlift would be highly inefficient and dangerous for US aircrews. To avoid ground fire the C-130 planes would have to fly at between 5,000 and 10,000 feet, but the Pentagon's own manuals suggest that at that height supplies would miss their targets by 2.5 miles or more. "The best you can say is you'll hit the earth," said one.

The deputy commander of the Bosnian Serb army meanwhile said an airlift would spark a massive escalation of the Bosnian war. The use of military flights will lead to "the massive use of military force and escalation of (the war) with unforeseeable circumstances," General Milan Gvero told Tanjug news agency based in Belgrade.

In London, the defence ministry is known to have strong reservations about the airlift plan. After a cabinet meeting at which Mr Hurd and Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, reported on the US request for help with the plan, the foreign secretary dropped a clear hint about the reasons behind Britain's refusal.

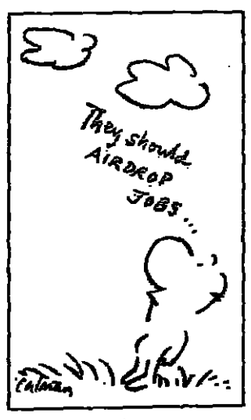
Pressed in the Commons by Jack Cunningham, the shadow foreign secretary, for assurances that the US move would not "fatally damage" the long-running humanitarian operation on the ground, Mr Hurd conceded that the risk was real.

Downing Street later sought to play down the notion that the US had sought direct military backing for the mission, but a senior Foreign Office official conceded that Washington had been looking for more than words.

"The real American request was for political support, by which they meant public sup-

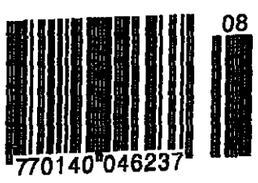
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Indian sign: England's miserable cricket tour reached its nadir in Bombay yesterday when India completed their first Test clean sweep against them. England, who began the day on 108 for three needing 136 runs to avoid an innings defeat, resisted India's spinners for less than three hours and mustered 93 more runs. After defeats by eight wickets in Calcutta and an innings in Madras, Graham Gooch, the England captain, is considering his future. He had been keen to captain the team this summer against Australia, but may want to review his plans after England's fourth successive defeat. "We have played very poorly and you can't hide from that," he said last night. "We weren't good enough, we didn't play well, and I feel responsible. When you've lost 3-0, you've got to think about whether you want to carry on, haven't you?"

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Manchester wins chess move

BY A STAFF REPORTER

MANCHESTER has won the battle to host the world chess championship between Nigel Short, the British challenger, and Gary Kasparov, the reigning champion.

The city council and Manchester airport, the co-sponsors, succeeded with a £1.34m offer which was accepted yesterday by the International Chess Federation (Fide).

Last night, civic leaders were hailing their success and the television coverage which it will bring to the city as a vital boost to Manchester's challenge to stage the Olympic Games in 2000. Graham Stringer, leader of the city council, said: "This is tremendously important for the city. It will bring the eyes of the world on to Manchester. It will help the city's economy and the timing could not be better in the run-up to the competition for the games."

Manchester won the bid to stage the championship, which will take place over eight weeks starting in August, despite a last-minute bid from Channel 4 and the sports promotion group IMG which together offered £30,000 more. Fide said it considered this a "non-conforming bid" because of conditions Channel 4 had wished to impose on the competition. These included TV rights and exclusive daily interviews with players, along with the right to stage the championship anywhere in Britain, a later starting date in September and the right to determine days and times of play.

The venue for the 24-game championship is almost certain to be the city's 740-seat Royal Exchange theatre.

Fishermen riot in Paris food market

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FRENCH trawlermen went berserk in Paris's main wholesale food market yesterday, destroying hundreds of tons of fish, including some from Britain. Their protest was against cheap imports, blamed for plunging prices.

Nearly a thousand fishermen rampaged through the Rungis market, south of the French capital, emptying boxes of fish and smashing up stalls and offices. Riot police spent three hours dodging frozen fish, stones and bottles before they moved in with batons and tear gas to break up the riot.

Lorries carrying imported fish were the rioters' initial target when the demonstration began at about midnight on Monday, but the violence soon became indiscriminate. Five fishermen were arrested but were later released, to the cheers of hundreds of their colleagues surrounding the police station.

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Long-term jobless goes over a million

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

JOHN Major acknowledged yesterday that long-term unemployment is now too high as the number of people out of work for more than a year rose above a million for the first time in five years.

The passing of the million barrier marks a doubling of long-term unemployment since it began to rise again in 1990.

In reply to an accusation in the Commons from John Smith, the Labour leader, that long-term unemployment was now "appalling", the prime minister said: "I entirely agree with you that the numbers of long-term unemployed are too high, higher than anyone would wish to see."

Facing an attack from Mr Smith that the government was failing to understand the depth of public concern over unemployment, Mr Major said that the government had a number of schemes in place and that further proposals would be put forward shortly — a reference to those to be announced with the Budget next month.

During angry scenes, Mr Smith said: "A problem has to reach crisis proportions before it gets on the government's agenda."

The clash followed the release of figures showing that long-term unemployment rose in the three months to January by 75,000, to 1.03 million. Long-term jobless now form almost a third of the total unemployed, which the government last week announced had again exceeded the three million mark.

The long-term total was last over a million in April 1988, but was then falling.

But it was falling at that point, and Yesterday's figure was the first time the total has risen above 1m since October 1982, after which it went on rising for three years.

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Hospitals league table to be set up

BY JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

LEAGUE tables of the best performing hospitals are to be drawn up by the health department to help patients choose where they want to be treated.

Hospitals will be ranked on the basis of six indicators, such as waiting times and cancelled operations. These will later be extended to include clinical indicators such as re-admission rates after a treatment goes wrong. Regional health authorities will be asked to submit details this year for publication in 1994.

Announcing the move at a conference of NHS managers yesterday, Sir Duncan Nichol, chief executive of the NHS, said the league tables would "raise the public's ability to judge, influence and choose health services". The health department is working with the Audit Commission on suitable indicators.



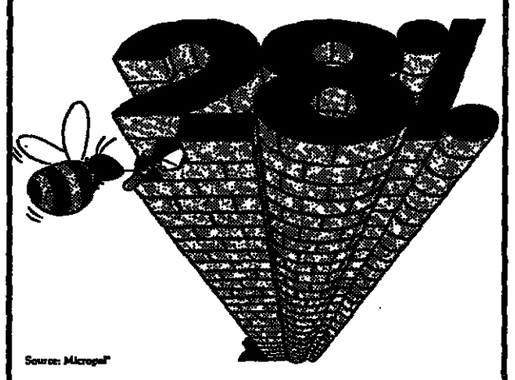
Bottomley: issued confusing statement

The move will help counter criticism that the NHS reforms have failed to increase choice for patients and will reassure the government's right-wing critics that it is committed to a competitive market.

But the government's intentions were confused by the health secretary's earlier announcement to the conference

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POLITICAL SKETCH

Their lordships' silence speaks louder than words

The House of Lords is another country. They do things differently there. And the first thing to remember is that peers do not have to speak; they are not standing for election, there is nobody they have to please and nobody pays them wages for their work. Nothing stops a noble lord or lady from going in just to keep a silent vigil. For the only thing a duke, viscount or baron really cares about is the judgment of his peers.

On sensitive issues it is often less interesting to know what was said, or by whom, than to note who remained silent: which peers did not bark?

Yesterday, their lordships considered the housing and urban development bill. Among its provisions is a measure giving private leasehold tenants a right to buy the freehold (wherever two-thirds or more wish to do so) whether or not the freehold landlord wants to sell.

It will please tens of thousands of leaseholders in inner London, many of them floating voters. It fulfils a pledge made in the Tories' recent election manifesto which was popular in marginal constituencies such as Westminster North (Sir John Wheeler, C, maj 3,733) and Kensington (Dudley Fishburn, C, maj 3,548).

Let us not mince words. The measure should properly be entitled the Kensington and Westminster North (election rescue) bill, 1992. It worked. Leaseholders there are delighted. Freehold landlords are not.

One of these landlords owns 300 acres of Mayfair and Belgravia, worth an estimated £3 billion. Another has 100 acres in Chelsea, worth £400 million. Yet another's 150 acres of St Marylebone are also valued at £400 million. I have no estimate of the value of Harley Street, part of another single freeholding. The Duke of Westminster and Lords Cadogan, Portman and Howard de Walden will pay dear for the election effort in two Tory marginals in April 1992.

These four noble dogs remained silent yesterday; not so much as a whimper. The Duke of Westminster, instantly recognisable by his Groucho Marx eyebrows, could be seen standing by the Throne, a silent, brooding presence, arms akimbo. How much, per word, could the offending clause of this bill cost him? £1 million? £5 million? Come the committee stage, friends who understand his grace's plight may well have amendments to propose. But his grace himself — we may guess — will remain, arms akimbo, by the Throne, silent.

Over in the Commons, sound and fury, not silence, is the way they do it. Concerned that John Smith is doing it better, the prime minister yesterday accused the Leader of the Opposition of "sound-bite politics." Mr Major offered an example of *non*-sound-bite politics, summing up his concern for the jobless in this ringing phrase: "I categorically don't fail to understand the problem of the unemployed" — a sort of sound-suck.

David Ashby (C, NW Leicestershire) took his leader too much to heart in a bid, moments later, to avoid the sound bite. "Er, there are, er, signs of, er, improvement in engineering, er, activity. Er. Will he ensure that we do not have, er, increased tax and ensure that capital investment is not in fact subject to er, er, er . . . not so *much* taxation?" This was a sort of sound gargle, giving way to a sound chew, yielding to a sound burble and ending in a sound choke. Mr Major congratulated him.

Trawlermen destroy 800 tonnes of fish as protest heads south



Flying fish: a French fisherman hurls a fish at riot police yesterday when demonstrators invaded the Rungis wholesale food market south of Paris

Major tells France to bring rioting fishermen to book

By Michael Hornsby and Sean Mac Carthaigh

■ The prime minister says that France will be expected to pay compensation for losses caused by rioting fishermen

BRITAIN warned France yesterday that rioting French trawlermen must not be allowed to disrupt free trade. The message from John Major came after further violence when French fishermen destroyed 800 tonnes of fish worth £2.8 million, including a consignment from Britain.

Responding to questions in the Commons, Mr Major said: "We will continue to leave the French government in no doubt that we expect them to act when necessary to safeguard free trade, to pay compensation when losses have occurred and to bring the perpetrators to book."

Nearly 1,000 fishermen, mostly from Brittany, ran amok yesterday in the Rungis wholesale food market south of Paris. After smashing stalls and emptying hundreds of boxes of fish on to the floor, they destroyed word-processors, fax machines and furniture in nearby offices. Riot police, who had stood by for two hours, were pelted with rotting fish when they eventually intervened.

Scot Prime Sea Foods, of Ayr, Strathclyde, said it had lost fish worth £10,000. Tom Graham, a sales executive, said: "About one tonne of monkfish tails and scallop meat was being held in transit in the market en route to Germany."

The fishermen say their incomes have been halved by plummeting prices caused by cheap imports from Britain, Russia, Norway and South America. However, sources in Britain said cut-throat competition vessels for limited catch quotas, the vagaries of the weather and a long-term decline in demand, rather than cheap imports from outside the EC, were the main cause of the slump in prices.

After several years of shortage, caused by dwindling stocks of cod, haddock and other white fish in the North Sea, there is a sudden glut. Prices have fallen by 15 to 30 per cent throughout the Community. In ports on Humberside and northeast Scotland, cod is selling for £1,000 a tonne, down from £1,800 a year ago.

Bad weather kept the British fleet in port for most of January. Many boats, particularly in Scotland, had been tied up for the last two months of last year because they had exhausted annual quotas allocated by the EC.

When the weather cleared, there was a "dash for fish" early this month. Eagerness to make up for lost fishing time was all the greater because evidence of stock recovery had enabled the EC to offer bigger quotas than last year.

Lower quayside prices are good news for consumers. Sainsbury is selling cod fillets at £2.99 a pound, down from £3.18 in mid-January, and haddock is down from £3.38 a pound to £3.28. Sainsbury said that although there was a lot of fish available, much of it was in poor condition. "Boat crews are catching so much fish that they are not gutting and chilling it quickly enough," a spokesman said.

☐ The millions of farmed salmon contaminated by the *Braer* oil spill may be destroyed in the next two to three weeks, according to a spokesman for the Shetland Salmon Farmers (Gillian Bowditch writes). The farmers are close to agreeing a sum of about £10 million with the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund for the fish.

The agreement on the 1991 class of fish in the enclosure zone, which are due for harvesting in the next few months, will allow farmers to clear the fish. Negotiations on last year's fish will continue. It is feared that up to 2.5 million salmon will eventually have to be destroyed. The most likely scheme would be to turn them into fish meal or silage.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Report says closed pits were viable

Two of the ten pits already closed by British Coal could be viable and did not meet the corporation's criteria for closure, according to a draft report compiled by John T. Boyd, American mining consultants, for the government. Production at two other pits might also make sense if more appropriate working methods were used, the report found.

The study, sent to British Coal and mining unions for comment, provoked renewed criticism of British Coal's plans to close 31 pits with the loss of 30,000 jobs. Its findings will also complicate efforts by ministers to save some of the pits, which are to be finalised at a cabinet meeting on March 4. The trade and industry department last night emphasised that the report was a draft.

Boyd concluded that Grimethorpe colliery in South Yorkshire had been profitable. Taff Merthyr colliery in Mid Glamorgan would have been viable until the existing faces were exhausted.

Junior 'jails' approved

Kenneth Clarke yesterday won cabinet approval for his plans to tackle persistent young offenders by creating a small network of approved school-style units. A number of companies, including Group 4 and UK Detentions Services, signalled that they would be interested in running a network of five units holding 40 persistent offenders. A spokesman for Barnardo's, one of the voluntary organisations whose expertise Mr Clarke would like to use in operating the centres, said: "We would be prepared to make a contribution provided the aim is truly rehabilitative. What we are not prepared to do is become part of a regime that exists to punish young people."

Queen to visit Lockerbie

The Queen is to visit Lockerbie for the first time since the Pan Am air disaster of December 1988. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will spend a short time in the town on June 30. No details have been announced but townspeople believe she may pay her respects at the memorial at Dryfesdale Cemetery to the 270 who died in the bombing. She may also see Sherwood Crescent where 11 residents were killed. In the aftermath of the disaster there was criticism that the Queen did not visit the town, although the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and Baroness Thatcher, then prime minister, did visit. The Queen is also to open new police headquarters in Dumfries on June 30.

Webber to display art

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber may open his country estate, Sydmonton Court near Newbury, Berkshire, to make his art collection accessible to the public. The composer's collection, built up over 30 years, is recognised as one of the country's most important private holdings of Victorian art. "The whole collection has been a major part of my life. I like to be able to show pictures that I have loved," he said yesterday. Over the past two years, Sir Andrew has spent an estimated £20 million on art purchases.

Gemma stays in care

Gemma Gibson, the 11-year-old girl left at home to fend for herself while her mother took a holiday in Spain, will remain a ward of court in local council care, the High Court ruled yesterday. Sir Stephen Brown, president of the Family Division, said that any future arrangements for Gemma would be made in consultation with the Official Solicitor.

Royal busman's holiday

The Duchess of York, right, has been getting away from it all — at home. She has been showing her daughters, Princesses Eugenie and Beatrice, the delights of Torquay, on England's own riviera. The royal entourage, complete with sister Jane Makim, a nanny and bodyguards, has been taking in the sights in a 15-seater mini-bus hired locally. They are staying for a week in the five-star Imperial Hotel.



Horse suspect released

A man being questioned by detectives investigating attacks on horses across South England was yesterday released on police bail. The man, aged 18, from Winchester, Hampshire, was arrested earlier in the day and questioned at Alton police station. A police spokesman said that the man was not charged and was released pending further enquiries.

James's funeral set

The funeral of James Bulger is to take place on Monday, after it was decided to release his body to the family. Lawyers representing the two ten-year-old boys accused of murdering James waived their right to an independent post-mortem. A "walk of witness" in memory of James has been scrapped amid fears that it might be too rowdy.

Reform of police splits cabinet

By Sheila Gunn
Political Correspondent

KENNETH Clarke's plans to reform the 43 police forces of England and Wales are being opposed by cabinet colleagues.

Some ministers, including Michael Howard and Douglas Hurd, are pressing the home secretary to drop his idea for severing links between police and local authorities.

Mr Clarke is resisting attempts to turn his plans for a radical shake-up into a modest reform that would reduce the number of police forces, with minor changes to membership of police authorities.

He is understood to have considered leaving England and Wales with nine police forces. However, in the preliminary papers he sent to colleagues before Christmas, he had already toned down his plans, which now involve cutting forces from 43 to about 25 by amalgamating many of the smaller shire ones.

Some ministers take issue with Mr Clarke's proposal for nominated local business people to replace councillors on police authorities. Councillors currently hold two-thirds of the seats and magistrates one third. Mr Clarke also wants police costs to be funded directly from Whitehall.

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port, statements of support. They then said any material assistance, for example transport planes for relief supplies, you may have in mind would be very welcome. That's not quite the same as saying 'We want your aircraft now'."

In the Commons, Mr Hurd also rebuked sections of the American media for their "ignorance" of the efforts being made by Britain and other EC countries in bringing aid to the region.

In Washington, the administration said it would not act unilaterally though it was reluctant to cede operational command to the UN. It believed it already had the UN authorisation it needed. Officials said the operation would not only help Bosnian Muslims, but by demonstrating concrete US support could encourage the Bosnian Muslim government to return to the negotiating table.

The airlift would be conducted from Italy, possibly with protection from naval warplanes on the aircraft carrier *USS John F Kennedy* in the Adriatic. One option being considered is to put US troops on the ground to prepare drop zones.

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Shop gunmen kill innocent bystander

By Louise Hidalgo

A BARRISTER'S clerk who died yesterday after being shot by two masked youths raiding a west London newsagent's was a "truly good man" who would be sorely missed, his colleagues said.

Officers hunting the killers of Hema Bandaratilleke, 32, a Sri Lankan, yesterday described the shooting as "senseless and seemingly without motive".

Mr Bandaratilleke died in hospital early yesterday morning after being shot in the stomach with a sawn-off shotgun when the two raiders, one aged 16, burst into the Hammersmith shop, where he was helping a friend with a legal problem, and demanded the contents of the till.

Donald Currie, a fellow clerk at Chancery Lane, where Mr Bandaratilleke worked, describe him as "a truly good man who would not think badly of anyone. He was a deeply religious person who would not deny anyone anything." Mr Bandaratilleke, a



Bandaratilleke: shot in newsagent's shop

member of a wealthy Sri Lankan family who came to London in 1974 and was known by his family name of Nath Wanasinghe, had been working for a barrister in his chambers in Chancery Lane.

It is thought he was shot after asking the raiders to return his electronic organiser, which contained telephone nubmers and addresses needed for his work. He was taken to Charing Cross hospital but died during surgery.

NHS plans league table of hospitals

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that the 14 regional health authorities are to be retained in a slimmed-down form to regulate the market. Abolition of the regions had become a litmus test of government support for a free market in healthcare.

Kenneth Clarke and William Waldegrave, both former health secretaries, are among several ministers who argued in cabinet that the regions were unnecessary and wasteful bureaucracies. Managers of trust hospitals, which have broken free of district health authority control, have accused the regions of too much interference in their affairs.

However, Virginia Bottomley said in her speech it was essential that the health authority purchasers should be in control of the market. "They pay the piper. They should call the tune," she said. Trust hospitals, which attracted the cream of NHS managers, could end up driving the market. Retaining the regions was essential to maintain a strategic overview and "ensure a comprehensive range of services."

However, the reprieve for the regions, to be scaled down from an average 560 staff to a maximum of 200, will last only until the reforms have been fully implemented, Mrs Bottomley said. Their long-term future is to be decided by a further review. Labour accused her of "dithering, muddle and fudge".

Sir Duncan said the six indicators to be tried out first would be: waiting times for in-patient admission, waiting times in out-patients, speed of initial assessment in accident and emergency departments, number of cancelled operations, amount of day surgery and ambulance response times.

The health department is also to set targets for waiting times to first outpatient appointment, in line with the pledge in the Patients' Charter. Regions have been asked to submit proposals by April and the first targets, which will vary from region to region, will be fixed later this year.

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Holloway principal defends decision to dispose of Victorian benefactor's treasures

College in Turner row vows to sell more from its collection

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

■ Art experts are dismayed at the prospect of more masterpieces being exported after the sale of a Turner

A UNIVERSITY college, widely condemned by the art world yesterday for selling a Turner seascape to America for £11 million, plans to continue with the sale of other paintings in its collection.

Royal Holloway College, part of the University of London, intends to sell off works by Constable and Gainsborough for up to £13 million. All the paintings had been left by Thomas Holloway, the college's benefactor and a 19th century philanthropist.

Hugh Bailey, director of the Gainsborough Museum, said of the Turner sale to the Getty Museum: "Everyone in the museum world is very shocked about it. The universities are thinking of these pictures as real estate. It is the thin end of the wedge."

David White, a spokesman for the college, confirmed future sell-off plans: "We have been letting the art world know the pictures are available." The college wants to raise money for proposed maintenance of the Grade I listed building in Egham, Surrey.

Following the sale of Turner's *Van Tromp Going About to Please His Masters*, setting a record price for a British painter, the college is selling a Gainsborough landscape *Peasants Going To Market, Early Morning*. A similar painting fetched £750,000 at auction recently and was then sold on by a dealer for £1.5 million. The college is thought to be hoping for £3 million for the painting, a price deemed by experts as too ambitious.

But much more valuable is the *Sketch For A View Of The Stour, Near Dedham* by Constable, which on value can be compared with his painting *The Lock*, which fetched more than £10 million at auction two years ago.

If successful with these further sales, the college could amass an endowment fund of more than £20 million, which would earn about £2 million interest a year for the maintenance programme.

Detractors from within the college, however, complain that the state of the building is not desperate and that the money will be spent on turning the historic building into "a motorway hotel" for summer vacation conferences. Furthermore, when the government sees the college using the collection to raise funds, they said, grants could be cut.

Thomas Holloway, having made a fortune from his famous patent medicines, turned in the 1880s to philanthropy, setting up a ladies' college in his name. Once complete, Holloway endowed his building with 79 paintings with which his students could further improve their minds.

Paying outlandish prices, he acquired some of the most famous images of the period, such as *The Princes In The Tower* by John Everett Millais, William Powell Frith's *The Railway Station* and Edwin Landseer's *God Proposes, Man Disposes*, in which two bears tear apart the remains of a Polar expedition.

The collection has been displayed since Holloway's days in the high-vaulted hall in which the students take their examinations.

In justifying his actions, Professor Norman Gowar, the college principal, says that the "purchase of the picture collection by Thomas Holloway was secondary to his primary purpose of establishing a university college. This was fundamental to the decision of the Charity Commissioners to grant a scheme to permit the sale".

The college authorities argue that Holloway intended the pictures as decoration and therefore their sale is of minor significance.

The only clue as to the founder's intention is a final legal deed written a few weeks before his death in 1883, in which he wrote that the pictures were for the "benefit of those persons entitled to reside therein".



To market: this Gainsborough could fetch £3m

CHRIS HARRIS



Unmoved: Norman Gowar wants to raise £20 million for college repairs

Sale could deter bequests

By Our Art Market Correspondent

FUTURE university benefactors may be deterred by Royal Holloway College's decision to sell abroad the Turner painting, which was gifted by Sir Thomas Holloway.

Peter Longman, of the Museums and Galleries Commission, said yesterday: "It is a most unfortunate precedent. There are a number of people thinking of making bequests who are worried." Christopher White, director of the Ashmolean museum in Oxford, said: "Ultimately, every university is free to dispose of things."

Although the commission has gone to great lengths to protect the interests of benefactors to museums by requiring its members to sign documents undertaking to respect their terms in order to obtain grants, there is always a way round for those determined to sell.

As they have not applied for museum registration, university collections such as those at Royal Holloway College and Edinburgh University are not subject to such restrictions.

One of the problems is that, during the heyday of philanthropy in the 19th century, it never crossed benefactors' minds that their gifts would come to be seen as investments and that such protection might be required. As a result, their stipulations were often vague.

Mr Longman said: "We have been in touch with our lawyers. There is no overall solution. The government could decide to create some act of parliament to put a safeguard on all registered collections. But it would be a fairly draconian thing to do".

Two years ago the Ashmolean museum could have been tempted to sell some of its exhibits due to a desperate shortfall in funds, but, Dr White said: "There was no question of selling." He added that when the principal of Royal Holloway College said he needed the money "for education rather than art" he had clearly forgotten one of art's most vital functions.

London is smuggling capital of art world

By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter

LONDON has become the main international receiving centre for smuggled art, with up to 600 British dealers believed to have handled smuggled treasures knowingly, according to a report based on figures from Interpol.

Smugglers have been drawn to the capital by fewer export and import restrictions, while its international reputation as one of the world's most important art marketplaces ensures buyers.

Much of the stolen art comes from Eastern Europe, frequently taken across borders by owners who contravene stringent heritage export laws imposed by many countries. In Italy and Greece, for example, it is virtually impossible to export art. But once objects arrive in London, they are difficult to trace and a different history is easy to concoct.

Official figures put the number of London art dealers at 2,400. Brett Gorvy, an expert on art theft, said that most British dealers have sold smuggled art and many turn a blind eye to it. "You are not going to stop smuggling because it is so rife and so easy," he said.

The report, published in next month's *The Antique Collector*, quotes Monsieur Blanc, a veteran smuggler, who claims that couriers are often ex-policemen, and routes can even be arranged through some Italian banks. Art theft and smuggling is extremely lucrative, third only to drugs and arms dealing.

Philip Saunders, managing director of *Trace* magazine, which tracks art theft, said that art smuggling was sometimes linked to drug smuggling or money laundering. But he said that it was extremely difficult to prosecute dealers who took stolen or smuggled art from criminals. "It is very easy for them to deny that they knew where an object came from and there is very rarely any proof," he said.

Marcus Linell, a senior director at Sotheby's, said that the Interpol figures were surprising. "I can imagine that dealers could become involved unwittingly, but not many would risk their reputation by just turning a blind eye."

'Caller ran up 34-page phone bill'

By A Staff Reporter

A COMPUTER hacker tapped into his mother's telephone line after she banned him from making calls, a court was told yesterday.

Paul Bedworth, 19, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire, ran a wire under his bedroom carpet and soldered it to the telephone terminal so he could dial into networks, Southwark Crown Court was told. James Richardson, for the prosecution, said Mr Bedworth hacked into networks at Lloyds Bank, the EC headquarters in Luxembourg, the *Financial Times*, medical organisations and universities.

His activity became so intense he was unable to pay for his line and BT cut him off, the jury was told. He then used his mother's line. In two months before he was arrested two years ago, he ran up a bill that filled 34 pages. The court was told that he boasted of ripping off BT.

Mr Richardson said Mr Bedworth, who used a £200 BBC microcomputer given to him when he was 14, was caught when Leeds University set up a data line monitor.

Mr Bedworth denies conspiracy to obtain telecommunication services dishonestly and unauthorised modification of computers and unauthorised access of computer material.

Karl Strickland, 22, of Liverpool, and Neil Woods, 26, of Oldham, admit conspiracy to dishonestly obtain telecommunication services and plotting the unauthorised publication of material. They will be sentenced later. The trial continues today.



Bedworth: banned from making calls

Lawyer denies murdering wife with lump hammer

By A Staff Reporter

A SOLICITOR clubbed his student nurse wife to death with a lump hammer so he could get a £120,000 insurance payout and be free to pursue his passion for a young law student, a court was told yesterday.

Warren Green, 27, who was a Scout master, hit his wife Julie, a Guides leader, at least 16 times with the hammer, fracturing her skull and causing brain damage from which she quickly died, Liverpool Crown Court was told.

Mr Green then allegedly used his knowledge gained while working as a solicitor for the Crown Prosecution Service to construct a defence.

Michael Kalisher QC, for the prosecution, told the jury that Warren and Julie Green appeared to be a happy couple with a successful marriage, but Mrs Green was having an affair with one of the couple's friends, and Mr Green had developed a passion for a law student. The court was also told that Mrs Green's life was insured for £120,000 and that in the event of her death the £80,000 mortgage on the couple's house would be paid.

Mr Kalisher said: "The effect of this was that in the event of Mrs Green's death, unless he could be shown to be responsible, Mr Green would have the mortgage on the house paid off and he would receive the rental income of £7,500 a year. He would receive a cash sum of at least £120,000 and he would be free to pursue his passion for the young law student."

Mr Kalisher told the jury that Julie and Warren Green had been childhood sweethearts and had bought their home in Wigan in November 1988 before their wedding in 1989. He said they had mutual friends through their involvement with the Scouts and the Guides. In the summer of 1990, Mr Green qualified as a solicitor and was hired by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Mr Kalisher said: "By October 1991, all seemed well with the Greens. They had a home and were both in good jobs which they wanted to do. But all was not well. One of the Greens' close friends was someone called Stewart Skett, who became particularly close to Julie. By July, a passionate affair had started between them."

Mr Kalisher said that Mr Green became suspicious that something was going on and confided in a friend. But, said Mr Kalisher: "In the summer of 1991, this defendant had developed a passion for Julie Warburton, a 20-year-old law student."

The court heard that in July 1991 during a holiday to Corfu with his wife, Mr Green wrote to Ms Warburton, saying: "I can't wait to see you again so you can hunt down the white bits." Mr Kalisher said: "Ms Warburton did not reciprocate the strong feeling that Mr Green clearly had but she did not discourage his advances."

The jury was told that on the morning Mrs Green died, she had just finished an eight-week stretch of night shifts and had returned home early in the morning.

Mr Kalisher alleged that after killing his wife, Mr Green then telephoned her friends and colleagues to see if she was with them, expressing his concern that she was missing.

He then went to ask one of the tenants in the adjoining house if she had seen Julie and then "found" her body in the storeroom, covered in and surrounded by blood.

Mr Kalisher told the jury: "What is clear is that after the murder, Mr Green constructed for himself a bogus defence which he thereafter stuck to through thick and thin. He was assisted no doubt by his skill and knowledge obtained as a solicitor employed as a prosecutor for the Crown Prosecution Service."

The trial continues today.

Knifed woman died in husband's arms

By A Staff Reporter

A TAXI-DRIVER was stabbed to death in her front garden by a man who was "obsessed and infatuated" with her, Birmingham Crown Court was told yesterday.

Susan Wheeler, 29, was stabbed in the heart with a 14in knife as she prepared to get into her taxi.

Simon Preece, 25, is accused of murdering her with a single blow. He has pleaded not guilty. Colman Treacy QC, for the prosecution, said that Mrs Wheeler had been stabbed in the heart in the early hours of March 11, 1991.

He said: "Peter Wheeler was lying in bed but awake. He heard a scream, 'Oh bloody hell', and his wife's footsteps running up to the house. Because of the scream from her, he jumped out of bed and went downstairs to the porch. She collapsed in her husband's arms and was dead within minutes."

Mr Treacy told the court that Mr Preece, who worked for a breakdown recovery company, had got to know the Wheelers because they were all regulars at the Bluebell Pub near the Wheelers' cottage in Hockley Heath, West Midlands.

It is alleged that Mr Preece told police that he was so obsessed with Mrs Wheeler he would drive past the cottage in the middle of the night.

Mr Treacy said: "He became a pest, calling at the cottage at all times and frequently. This led Mr Wheeler to ban him from coming near the cottage."

Mr Treacy said that after the killing, Mr Preece told people that Mrs Wheeler had spoken to him, giving him a mission to find her killer. After Mr Preece had been questioned by police as a witness, he told a barmaid information only the killer could have known, Mr Treacy alleged.

The trial continues today.

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MP demands independent enquiry

Staff at council home sacked for abusing mentally handicapped

BY NICHOLAS WATT

MENTALLY handicapped young people at a residential home in Southwark, south London, have been subjected to humiliating treatment, which has lead to three members of staff being sacked.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, has been urged to set up an independent enquiry after Southwark council concluded that four members of staff undermined the dignity of their charges.

The residents, who were all in their mid-20s, allegedly cowered in the presence of some members of staff at the Lordship Lane hostel after they were either kissed, shouted at or locked up. One member of staff had to be prevented from bathing a resident in bleach, and little attempt was made to respect their privacy. Two residents often used the same bathroom at once, which doubled as a lavatory.

After an enquiry by Labour-controlled Southwark council into the abuses, which happened two years ago, one member of staff was sacked for kissing a resident in an intimate embrace. Two others were sacked, and a fourth is facing disciplinary proceedings.

Police are still investigating the allegations, and have made one arrest, which did not lead to charges.

Tessa Jowell, the Labour MP for Dulwich and a former social worker, said the behaviour of the staff was distressing. She has written to Mrs Bottomley, calling for an independent enquiry into the abuses at the hostel.

"The alleged behaviour is absolutely disgraceful and unforgivable," Ms Jowell said.

The abuses at Lordship Lane hostel came to light after staff concerned by the conduct of some of their colleagues contacted the Camberwell Advocacy Project, which represents people with learning difficulties.

Carol Auger, the project's deputy co-ordinator, said yesterday: "We were concerned about the serious incidents but we were also worried about the standard of care — the training, management level and support for staff."

Dennis Simpson, Southwark's director of social services, set up the internal management enquiry, which interviewed more than 50 people last summer.

Steven Gauge, a Liberal Democrat councillor and member of Southwark's social services committee, who has seen the internal report and has also written to Mrs Bottomley, said yesterday that he was concerned by delays. "There are serious allegations of sexual, physical and emotional abuse at the home over a number of years.

"Although some disciplinary action has been taken, there remain concerns about the way this has been handled. Some of the more serious allegations have not been dealt with and there are signs that the whistle-blowers were not taken seriously."

Lordship Lane hostel will close next month because the council believes the residents should be cared for in smaller units. A spokeswoman for Southwark said the hostel, which was set up in 1975 to cater for 20 young people with learning difficulties, was outmoded. There are now only five residents.

In her letter to Mrs Bottomley, Ms Jowell said the abuses at Lordship Lane Hostel underlined the need for a national action programme for handicapped people. "We need national guidance for staff to make clear what constitutes abuse."



Going to the top: James Robinson, jailed for life in 1978 for the murder of the newspaper boy Carl Bridgewater, yesterday mounted a rooftop demonstration at the high-security Gartree Prison in Leicestershire. Robinson, 59, was protesting at the home secretary's refusal to refer his case back to the Court of Appeal. Prison officers were trying to talk him down.

Robinson climbed onto a flat, 20ft high roof yesterday morning, taking food, drink and blankets with him, and then climbed a further 15ft on to a pitched roof, on which he painted slogans.

He told his wife Theresa, who visited him at the weekend, that the decision earlier this month by Kenneth Clarke had forced him to act. He told her he planned to protest "in the only way I can" after attempts by lawyers to have the case reviewed for a second time by the Court of Appeal had got "precisely nowhere".

"It is my way of responding to the unreasonable decision made by Kenneth Clarke. He has forced this action on me," Robinson said. His wife said yesterday that she did not know how long he planned to stay on the roof. "What worries me is not the food or drink but the cold. He is very thin but mentally he is extraordinarily strong."

The Home Office confirmed that Robinson was on the roof and was "believed to have food, drink and blankets, so he could be planning a long stay". A spokesman said that he was not considered a high-risk prisoner and his access to the roof was not considered a serious breach of security. Mr Clarke said on February 3 that he had no doubt the convictions of Robinson and the three other men convicted of Carl Bridgewater's murder were safe. He had considered evidence submitted by a solicitor for the three surviving men and from Merseyside police, who had carried out a fifth enquiry into the case.

The boy was 13 when he died after being shot in the head with a sawn-off shotgun when he went to Yew Tree Farm, Stourbridge, West Midlands, and interrupted a burglary.

Disabled children tell of sex attacks

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE abuse of disabled children is going undetected because the public is unwilling to believe that anyone could mistreat a child unable to walk or speak, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children claimed yesterday.

Even where abuse is discovered in a family, disabled children are excluded from the investigation because of the conviction that it could not happen to them. A blind woman, who was sexually abused with her sister as a child, said: "It just didn't occur to anybody to ask me."

Publishing two reports based on personal accounts from children and adults, the society said the abuse of disabled children was a "hidden area". The reports "explode the myth that children with disabilities are safe or immune from abuse", it said.

In one case, a severely disabled eight-year-old boy who was regularly cared for in a residential home to give his parents a break complained for several months that he did not like being bathed or taken to the toilet by a particular male carer. But his complaints were ignored until he protested that the man had "bitten my willy".

In another case, a girl aged 10, who was unable to speak, made suggestive movements and put out her tongue when kissing goodnight. Investigations revealed she had been abused by her uncle.

Chris Brown, director of the society, said that disabled children had to overcome the barriers of communication and disbelief. "The same things come up again and again: that they have no one to turn to, it is very difficult to explain what is happening and no one believes a disabled child could possibly suffer abuse," he said.

Minister warns private car clampers

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

TOUGH measures against unauthorised car clamping operators were signalled by the government yesterday.

Some firms demand up to £240 for releasing cars parked without permission on private land when on public roads the fixed fee is £38. A Home Office consultation document said the number of wheelclamping incidents giving cause for concern was rising.

Legislation is being considered which could lead to outlawing wheelclamping on some private land. In addition, the government is likely to insist on the statutory licensing of clamp operators and a licensing of land on which they may operate.

Reported incidents involving the so-called "Denver Boot" wheelclamps include immobilising the cars of an entire church congregation, military vehicles, a milk float and an AA breakdown van.

The consultation paper adds: "More disturbingly, there have also been several cases where lone female motorists have been clamped late at night and have had to walk home alone because they did not have the money to pay for the release of the vehicle."

Yesterday's consultation document does not apply to London, where wheelclamping on public roads is regulated by statute, and excludes Scotland, where the High Court of Justiciary has ruled that wheelclamping on private land amounts to extortion and theft.

Michael Jack, the Home Office junior minister, said: "Over the last year, there has been a significant increase in the number of complaints about wheelclamping on private land.

"The government recognises that some motorists suffer abuse at the hands of wheelclampers. I am particularly concerned about the threat to personal security where motorists may be stranded without their vehicles late at night or in isolated places."

The consultation paper was welcomed by the motoring organisations. Edmund King, of the RAC, said clamping on unlicensed land should be a criminal offence. That would allow landowners to take action when justified and would "drive cowboy clampers out of business".

Kenneth Faircloth, deputy director general of the AA, said: "The AA believes motorists in Britain have a right to park their cars without being intimidated and."

Long-lost castle resurfaces

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE remains of a twelfth century castle in Exeter, previously thought to have been destroyed by Victorian engineers, have been uncovered substantially intact on the site of a former reservoir.

Danes Castle is believed to have been built by King Stephen in about 1136 and was later used by Colonel Fairfax in the civil war. However, from 1852 until late last year it was buried under the concrete walls of a reservoir, and only the name survived.

When South West Water decided to demolish and replace the reservoir, it invited on to the site the archaeological field unit of Exeter Museums. A single trench was enough to show that much more of the castle remained than had been suspected, so the water company sponsored a full excavation.

Frances Griffiths, Devon's principal archaeologist, said: "It is far better preserved than anyone would have believed. We know that Stephen built several castles of this kind, but this is probably the most substantial."

Peter Gilkes, clean water programme manager for South West Water, said the old reservoir had become unserviceable and had to be replaced. "The Victorians who built it obviously did not care very much about conservation, but fortunately all they did was to slice off the top of the rampart and scatter soil across the interior and the ditch to provide a foundation for the concrete walls. So, unwittingly they preserved the site very effectively."

Troy dig backs Homer's tale

BY NICK NUTTALL

ARCHAEOLOGISTS at the modern-day Troy, in Turkey, have found remains that may indicate that Homer's *Iliad* was less a flight of fiction and more historical fact. The discoveries, which include palaces and cemeteries, indicate that the site supported a bigger city than supposed.

Some scholars have claimed that the Trojan War, said to have happened in 1300 BC, would have been unlikely over a small city. However, the findings, from excavations south of modern Troy, add weight in favour of an epic war as described by Homer and lend support to his other claims, including the cause of the war, the kidnap of Helen, and the Greeks' use of a wooden horse to end it.

The findings, by Manfred Korfmann, of the University of Tübingen, Germany, will be disclosed this week at a meeting of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

Brian Rose, an archaeologist at the University of Cincinnati and in the team, said yesterday: "Now we can see there are more details, with respect to the *Iliad*, that seem to be appropriate."

The team has also found evidence that Augustus, the first Roman emperor, had Troy rebuilt after its destruction in the first century BC.

The findings have delighted Professor John Luce, an authority on Troy. "I never had doubts," he said.

Belief that Troy was too small to be Homer's Troy arose after excavations in 1871 by Heinrich Schliemann. Professor Luce said: "He [Schliemann] went down too far, through the Homeric level, without recognising it."

"There has always been a tendency in higher scholarship to be highly critical of the Homeric tradition and the strict historians say it is only a bardic tradition ... It has been hard to refute them."

☐ For archaeologists to find grander ruins is exciting news of our Mediterranean civilisation (Philip Howard writes). To claim it as evidence that the Trojan War as described by Homer took place is hype.

Herodotus discounted the whole business because no king would fight a war for ten years over a floozie.

The best bet by serious scholars is that there was a real war in the first quarter of the 12th century BC between Achaeans and the Trojans, whoever they were. That war may have been over trade, or entry to the neck of the Hellespont, or tribal movements. Its fall-out resonated into the oral poetry that eventually made up the *Iliad*.

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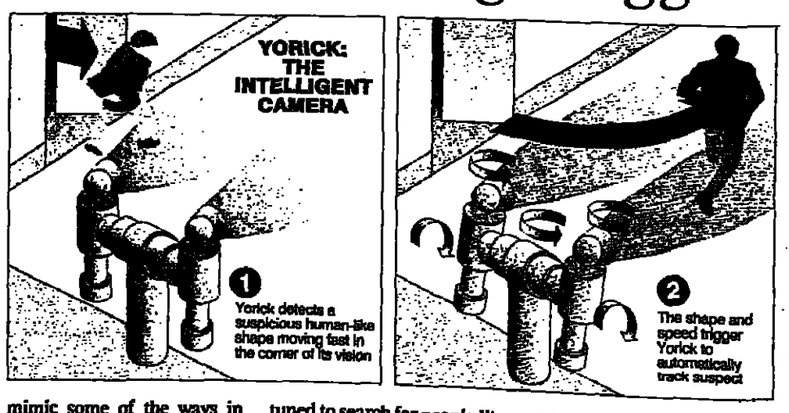
BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A SECURITY camera that will focus on suspicious activity, track a speeding object and recoil if an assailant attacks it has been developed by British engineers.

The automatic device, which has been christened Yorick after the skull in *Hamlet*, could play a key role in improving closed-circuit television systems to improve security at military bases, government offices, shopping centres and private homes.

A video of laboratory tests shows the device tracking a toy train racing round a track. Yorick can keep the train in its centre of focus despite the circuit having unpredictable loops and crossovers that send the locomotive off in a different direction. It can also track the train as it slows down and speeds up and despite people moving around the room.

Yorick is the brainchild of engineers at Oxford University's robotics research group, led by Dr David Murray, who are collaborating with colleagues at GEC Marconi's Hirst research centre. The work, which is attempting to mimic some of the ways in which human vision operates, is being funded by the science and engineering research council and the EC under its Esprit programme.



Details of Yorick are to be published soon in the journal *Mechatronics* and to be presented at the International Conference on Computer Vision in Berlin in May.

Yorick consists of an electronic brain and two cameras which can be programed to look for shapes travelling at predetermined speeds. In a secure warehouse or shopping mall, the device can be tuned to search for people-like shapes appearing in the corner of its sights and running faster than, say, three metres a second. This activity, which might indicate a mugger trying to escape, triggers Yorick into tracking mode.

The device could also be programed to look for shapes representing a battlefield tank emerging on the horizon or a car arriving at a security fence.

The key to Yorick's abilities is an active vision enabling it to detect movement and calculate how fast an object is going. Vision processing takes about a tenth of second, by which time a running person would be towards the edge of the camera and out of focus. Yorick's on board computer, by calculating where he or she will be fractions of a second ahead, can keep the suspect directly in its sights.

In cases where it might be at risk from a brick of other missile, the device can calculate an approaching object's speed and time of impact, then spin its electronic eyes over its back and flip them inwards for about five seconds before returning to view the scene.

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Export gangs strip stolen lorries in £30m parts trade

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

■ Police are pursuing organised criminals who steal trucks to order and sell valuable components to buyers as far afield as Fiji

A BOOMING trade in "cannibalised" lorries, worth more than £30 million a year, is being investigated by Scotland Yard and the National Criminal Intelligence Service.

Stolen lorries are broken up and components such as engines, axles and gear boxes are sent abroad by gangs that steal expensive parts to order. Engines are sold for £2,500 to £15,000, while gear boxes can fetch £3,000. Lorries worth up to £170,000 have been taken and cannibalised, leaving small hauliers in ruins or facing much higher insurance premiums.

The gangs use reconnaissance men and often aim for expensive lorries such as Volvos, Leyland DAFs, Scanias and Mercedes. A team of specialists working in a London scrap yard or Home Counties farm can break down a lorry to its component parts in 40 minutes. In one case, thieves removed a gearbox while a lorry was parked overnight.

The gangs supply the domestic spare parts market and have used at least eight ports to supply customers in Ireland, eastern and western Europe, South Africa, Malta, Jersey and Australia. Parts have been traced as far afield as Fiji and Afghanistan. The Bedford TK lorry is no longer made, but is widely used in areas such as the Middle East. Police believe thieves are supplying this market with parts from Britain.

In the first six working weeks of this year, the Yard's stolen car squad collected details of more than 50 lorries worth a total of £3.5 million that had vanished from London, the Home Counties, Suffolk, Leicestershire and South Yorkshire; many were Mercedes, taken to capitalise on a scarcity of parts.

Last year, 600 lorries disappeared from around London alone and the Road Haulage Association (RHA) estimates that, nationally, up to 3,500 vehicles may be disappearing to be broken into valuable spare parts. Just before Christmas, police discovered that 12 empty Mercedes refrigerator lorries, each worth £60,000 to £70,000, had been taken. They suspect the vehicles may have been stolen for Far Eastern clients, broken down, packed in containers and then shipped out.

Det Chief Insp Graham Saltmarsh, of the intelligence service's organised crime unit, said: "This is intelligent theft, people who know about using shipping companies, containers. It is just as complex as drugs, but unlike drug dealing they don't have to put up money in advance." Over the past decade, a market had been created and exploited with great success.

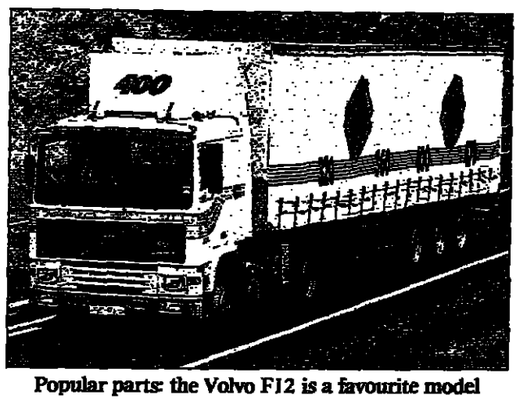
According to Det Sergeant Roger Durrant, who heads a Scotland Yard team specialising in investigating lorry thefts, one of the attractions for the thieves is that the penalties are much lower than those for drug trafficking, but the profits are still high. The public and many police did not realise the value of lorries and the cost of genuine spare parts and labour.

The highly organised gangs use front companies and often appear legitimate. Their activities rebound not only on hauliers but also their customers and the public through increased insurance costs. Some hauliers, the RHA said, have to pay the first £3,500 of any loss before insurance companies will meet the rest of a bill. *Commercial Motor*, the haulage trade magazine, carries a weekly report of thefts and offers of rewards; one recent report included a £160,000 Volvo.

A theft might start with a call from a haulier to a dealer whom he thinks may have spare parts. The dealer tells a "spotter" that he could have an order and the spotter checks yards and lorry parks. The thief, who receives up to £500 a vehicle, breaks into the yards in the early hours and, in many cases, finds a lorry with full tanks and the keys in an office.

Lorry thieves prefer yards close to motorways. Within an hour or so, they are mingling with the early morning traffic, which is often commercial. The most valuable vehicles may have an escort linked to the thief by mobile telephone; if the lorry is stopped, the escort intervenes to try to distract the police. Cargoes are sold or abandoned; a haul of sugar beet was simply buried.

Once the lorries are broken down, the unwanted parts are put into a container and sold for scrap. Useful parts such as tyres or brake shoes are sold and all identification marks taken off other components. Cabs and other parts are used in some cases to create new vehicles.



Popular parts: the Volvo F12 is a favourite model

TECHNIQUE UPDATES PHOTOS OF CHILDREN



Computer image: how a girl abducted as a baby might look aged 9, left, and her appearance when found

Hi-tech pictures reunite families

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A COMPUTERISED machine that can alter a photograph of a toddler into a teenager and then adulthood is to be used in the hunt for Britain's estimated 250,000 missing people.

The machine "ages" old photographs of adults and children who have disappeared to produce an accurate image of how they should look now, and is to be used by the Missing Persons Bureau, which was founded as a telephone helpline four years ago. The machine gives additional hope to many families who give up the search for a relative because they believe the missing person has probably changed beyond recognition.

Mary Asprey, director of the bureau, based in Mortlake, south London, said yesterday: "We have already had four pictures aged for us in America and a couple of them produced a huge response when the posters were put out. There is so much heartbreak caused to families of missing people, but this gives people new hope."

Photographs or video stills of a person are fed into the machine with photographs of parents, brother and sisters to create an image of how the missing child or adult would look now. It can add grey hair, wrinkles, bags under the eyes and facial flab based on family likenesses.

The computer, which costs £30,000, was developed in the United States by the Wang electronics company for the FBI. It can produce a clear picture from even the fuzziest family snap.

Photo sketch was first employed by the FBI two years ago. It has helped to trace a 14-year-old girl who disappeared when she was four, and has been used successfully to find dozens of other missing people.

Andrew Smith, a technical consultant with Wang, said that because many facial features were hereditary, it was possible to predict how people would change with age. He said: "Things such as mouths drooping, cheekbones narrowing or lips thinning; we can manipulate the whole face."

It takes about two weeks to produce a picture, he said. "The process is quite similar to the ageing scenes used in Hollywood sci-fi movies or pop videos, but is much quicker."

The photo sketch has already been used in the search for Mark Garvey, who went missing from his home in Bootle, Liverpool, on March 2, 1987, when he was 15 years old; Lee Boxell, of Cheam, Surrey, who vanished on September 10, 1988, aged 16 on his way to a football match; and Louise Kay, of Polegate, East Sussex, who vanished on June 24, 1988, when she was 17.



Only clue: before the girl was kidnapped, aged 1

EC wrangle delays Strangeways bids

BY RICHARD FORD AND RACHEL KELLY

MINISTERS have been forced to extend the deadline for bids to run Strangeways jail in Manchester until next month as plans for private sector involvement in public services face further trouble.

Private sector companies have been given extra time to take into account the financial implications of an EC legal ruling that staff transferring from the public sector to commercial firms must keep their existing pay and conditions. It is the second time the Home Office has had to delay the deadline.

The ruling also threatens a flood of compensation claims from former council workers made redundant since 1981 when local authorities began contracting work out to the private sector.

Ministers have been warned by contractors that they will not bid for work if the directive applies in the UK. Robin Oakley-Smith, chairman of the cleaning and support services association, has said the European regulations would make the process of competition virtually meaningless.

Bids to run Strangeways, undergoing a £63 million refurbishment programme after the worst prison riot in British penal history, are expected at the Home Office by mid-March. Plans to contract out prison service stores from April 1 have been delayed despite redundancy notices being issued to 153 staff in the belief that the regulations did not apply.

Harry Fletcher, of the National Association of Probation Officers, said: "The whole affair is plagued with financial mismanagement and a low level of competence."

The difficulties facing the Home Office arose after legal advice from Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, which indicated that the EC legislation was not restricted to commercial ventures.

Rape-hunt police appeal for cabbie

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

POLICE hunting the rapist of a City accountant appealed yesterday for a London taxi driver to come forward. The cabbie picked up the woman at dawn 12 days ago after she had been held hostage for seven hours.

The victim is said to be so traumatised that she is unable to return to the vicinity of the incident to help officers to identify the premises where she was attacked.

Det Insp Andrew Shirley, who is leading the investigation, said: "She is in such a state, so distressed, we can't take her back to the area. She cannot face it and this is hampering the enquiry. The taxi driver might have seen her abductor make his getaway.

"She didn't know where she was and when she flagged down the taxi she asked to be taken 'to the station'. The driver took her 200 yards to London Bridge station and when she asked what she owed him he declined to take any money." The victim, 28, was so shocked she could not remember her home telephone number to call her husband in Orpington, Kent, from the station before she caught a train.

She was abducted as she walked to the station at about 9.30pm from a City wine bar, where she had had a drink after work, and was held inside a shop or other premises. Her attacker, who threatened her with a knife, frog-marched her with her head forced down, telling her that passers-by would think her drunk. She remembers the sound of metal shutters being raised or lowered.

The woman did not want to report her ordeal to the police, but changed her mind after visiting her GP. Her attacker is described as white, aged 25 to 35, 5ft 10in tall, with collar-length brown hair, and of slim build. He was wearing a dark grey zip-up cotton jacket, dark green trousers and brown suede shoes. He is believed to have released her in Borough High Street near London Bridge. Anyone with information should telephone Southwark CID on 071-407 4759.

Cash entices farmers to make friends with the corncrake

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

CROFTERS in the most northerly part of the island of Skye are being asked to help save the corncrake. Only 500 of the birds are left in Britain, and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), which is masterminding the scheme, says the Hebrides offer a last refuge for the birds, which were once familiar throughout rural Britain.

Only seven pairs of corncrakes were recorded on Skye last year, mainly in the Uig area, and crofters north of there will be offered special payments to re-establish traditional grasslands to provide a suitable habitat for the birds, which need long grass in which to rear their young.

The scheme comes into effect this spring and will initially run for five years; applicants can enter or leave it at any time.

Lesley Cranna, of SNH, said: "Corncrakes were at one time widespread throughout Britain and parts of Europe. Their numbers have been declining rapidly, mainly due to agricultural practices, and there are now fewer than 500 of these shy, migratory birds left in Britain.

"On Skye, the population has dipped from about 30 pairs in 1988 to an estimated 16 pairs last year. We hope this scheme will prevent a further population decline and, in the long term, re-establish corncrakes over a wider area."

Crofters are to be paid £20 an acre for the first 12 acres, £10 an acre for the next 12 acres and £4 an acre for the remaining land. In return for the annual payments, they will keep their livestock out of the grasslands between April and the end of July and will be expected to cut their hay or silage in August, preferably by mowing "in a corncrake-friendly pattern".

Participants in the scheme will not be eligible for the corncrake protection scheme run by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, which offers payments to those who can show they have corncrakes on their land.

The SNH scheme does not require crofters to have the birds on their land; its aim is to create ideal conditions which, in time, may attract the birds, which have a distinctive rasping call, back to the area, as well as to provide a suitable habitat for a wide variety of other wildlife.

☐ An eagle owl that swooped on a couple and attacked their dogs was caught yesterday near High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. The owl, which had been thought to be a golden eagle, killed a lamb before pouncing on the two Jack Russell terriers on farmland in Chinnor, Oxfordshire.

Staff from St Tiggywinkles animal hospital in Aylesbury were called in to rescue the bird.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chemicals fire closes main roads

Toxic fumes released after an explosion and fire at a chemicals factory near Wellington, Shropshire, forced the closure overnight of the nearby M54 and A5 because of the danger to motorists.

Firefighters wore gas and chemical protection suits to fight the fire at Cox's Chemicals, set off by the explosion on Monday night.

On Humberside, police sealed off a 21-mile section of the M62 between junctions 34 and 37 and the M18 at junction 6 after a lorryload of aerosols caught fire.

Judge praises child witnesses

Simon Warren, 18, and his sisters Rebecca, 16, Miranda, 12, and Olivia, 8, were praised by a judge at Exeter Crown Court for bringing a burglar to justice.

Judge William Taylor jailed John Adams, 30, for nine months. He broke into their house in Exeter, where the children "swarmed all over him". Adams got away but was recognised by one of the children in the city centre and was subsequently arrested.

Church tribute

A stained glass window has been placed in the village church at Llanyrafon, Gwent, in honour of Corporal David Denbury of the SAS, who was shot behind Iraqi lines during the Gulf war and posthumously awarded the Queen's gallantry medal.

Sentence delay

Magistrates at Hexham, Northumberland, will wait for psychiatric reports before sentencing Brian McGregor, 24, from Stirling, whose forged football coupon lined him up to collect potential winnings of £3,826.47 billion.

Search death

Tony Edwards, 40, a Customs officer, was killed while he was searching a Nigerian ship for drugs at Newport, Gwent. Mr Edwards, a father of four, of Lisvane, Cardiff, fell 50ft into the ship's hold.

Pickers held

Police and immigration officers swooped on a daffodil field near King's Lynn, Norfolk, yesterday to arrest seven men and three women, all South Africans, who were allegedly illegal foreign workers.

Woman robbed

A businesswoman aged 59 was robbed of £4,000 when she was ambushed by two men as she left her car in a lonely country lane at Shrivenham, Oxfordshire.

Otters return

Otters have been spotted in the Severn in Worcester for the first time in more than a century. Wildlife experts say it is because of reduced pollution.

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Prime minister seeks to lower the temperature in growing protectionist storm

BY PETER RIDDELL POLITICAL EDITOR

PROTECTIONISM

JOHN Major will later today warn President Clinton of the dangers of growing protectionism across the Atlantic in the wake of the American president's renewed attacks on European subsidies to the Airbus project.

In his talks in the White House later today, the prime minister will renew calls for an early completion of the current round of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade talks while at the same time seeking to lower the temperature after recent strongly worded comments by American and French officials. His tone is, however, likely to be more conciliatory than that of Pierre Bérégovoy, the French prime minister, who has urged the European Community to stand up to America over Airbus while calling for a fresh start to the Gatt talks.

Mr Major talked to President Mitterrand of France on Monday, when he also breakfasted with Sir Leon Brittan, vice-president of the European Commission responsible for trade negotiations.

Later on Monday Mr Clinton told Boeing workers near Seattle that his administration would insist on strict enforcement of the agreement reached last July limiting Airbus subsidies. American officials said the president was concerned about implementing the commitment to multilateral action on subsidies.

British officials yesterday made a low-key response to Mr Clinton's latest remarks, which they said were largely a repetition of what he had several times said over the past year. They wanted to see what the Clinton administration had in mind ahead of the renegotation of the agreement this July.

The British government does not accept that the Airbus project receives unfair subsidies. Officials pointed out yesterday that all four partner countries had offered launch aid repayable through a levy on sales. Britain's share has been £700 million, which the government expects to recoup.

Trade issues are likely to dominate today's talks in Washington. Mr Major will see not only Mr Clinton but senior members of his administration, including Lloyd Bentsen, the treasury secretary, Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, and Ron Brown, the commerce secretary, as well as congressional leaders.

In preparatory briefings, British officials have been emphasising Mr Major's concern about a range of trade issues, including the Airbus, farm support and steel quotas, where comments by Mr Clinton and his senior advisers have caused apprehension in London and other EC capitals. The prime minister has welcomed the administration's intention to seek an extension of the fast-track authority for congressional consideration of any Gatt deal, but has urged that it should not be for very long.

The British government is particularly concerned that last year's Blair House agreement between the EC and America, which defused the row over oilseed subsidies, should not be reopened for negotiation despite calls for this in both America and France.

Clinton's outburst gives Major tough task in US talks

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

■ **The prime minister hopes to defuse trade tensions during his US visit**

PRESIDENT Clinton holds his first meeting with John Major at the White House today having further inflamed transatlantic trade tensions on Monday night with his strongest condemnation yet of European Airbus subsidies.

The prime minister hopes to cool the various US-EC trade disputes that have erupted since Mr Clinton's election, and will urge negotiation not confrontation. But in a hard-line speech at the Boeing company in Seattle the new president signalled his determination to protect key US industries like aeronautics from what he perceives to be unfair foreign competition.

Mr Clinton warned America's European and Asian trading partners that "we may have a firmer trade policy in some respects than we have had in the past".

Noting that Boeing was laying off 28,000 employees, Mr Clinton declared: "Very little of that is your fault. A lot of those layoffs would not have been announced had it not been for the $26 billion (£18 billion) that the US sat by and let Europe plough into Airbus over the last several years, so we are going to try and change the rules of the game."

European sources called the $26 billion a "fairytale figure".

Mr Clinton promised a "tough new discipline" and said Mickey Kantor, his trade representative, would closely monitor last year's US-EC agreement on limiting the Airbus subsidies. "I have seen these agreements made over the years. I have seen people promise us they would do this, that and the other thing and then nothing ever happens," he said. America could not "give up on the production of aircraft, which is what we have come dangerously close to doing" through inertia.

Trade issues look likely to dominate the agenda during nearly six hours of scheduled talks between the two leaders, with Mr Major hoping to act as an honest broker between America and the EC.

Equally important, the prime minister will do his best to dispel the widespread notion that Anglo-American relations are at low ebb.

The Washington Post reported that Mr Major would "try to resuscitate the wheezing 'special relationship'." British officials countered by pointing out that every cabinet secretary and senior official invited to meet the prime minister at the embassy had accepted.

Les Aspin, the defence secretary, is ill, and Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, is abroad, but Mr Major will breakfast with Lloyd Bentsen, the treasury secretary, Roger Altman, Mr Bentsen's deputy, Robert Rubin, chairman of the National Economic Council, and Samuel Berger, the deputy national security adviser. He will lunch with Mr Kantor, Bruce Babbit, the interior secretary, Ron Brown, the commerce secretary, Federico Pena, the transportation secretary, Robert Reich, the labour secretary, James Woolsey, the CIA director, Laura D'Andrea Tyson, Mr Clinton's chief economic adviser, Anthony Lake, the national security adviser, Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and others.

Little has been made here of the Tories' help for George Bush's election campaign. Rather more has been made of Mr Major's political weakness at home. The *Los Angeles Times* said Mr Major was "arriving in Washington not at the top of his form, a flawed partner in an uncertain transatlantic relationship."

With such presidential force behind the Airbus issue, some form of trade sanctions now appear inevitable.

With a 43 per cent North American market share, the European consortium, in which British Aerospace holds a 20 per cent stake, has proved a formidable competitor at a time when Boeing has been hit by defence cuts and the recession. Mr Clinton's irritation is also a signal of how the administration intends to deal with high-technology industries in general.

In some respects America is copying European and especially French industrial policy. This has been frequently decried as a policy of "picking winners", although the American approach is less company-oriented — as is the case in France — than industry-based. America's new policy is heavily biased in favour of high-technology industries, which includes anything from biotechnology to defence conversion and aircraft manufacturing.

This new industrial policy is also linked to the president's plan to cut $76 billion in defence spending, which depends to some extent on the successful conversion of high-tech defence programmes into civilian technologies.

The main driving force behind the linking of industrial and trade policies is Mrs D'Andrea Tyson, who has argued persistently that America had been wrong all along to embrace the free trade theory in connection with high-technology industries. Her argument is that such industries frequently operate in imperfect markets and heavily rely on government aid. They also display high barriers to entry. Once a technology is lost, it becomes prohibitively expensive, if not impossible, to regain it.

Her prescription is a policy mix of direct government intervention combined with an "activist" approach to trade. So far, her philosophy appears to have prevailed. The five-year $17 billion industrial programme is made up of tax credits in support of high-technology research and development, the building of a national network of technology centres to allow small companies access to technologies normally beyond their reach, and the construction of a high-technology infrastructure, including high-speed trains. About $550 million will be made available to new aviation technologies, and a similar amount will go to assist workers affected by redundancies in the defence and aerospace sectors.

The accompanying policy on trade will amount to a departure from the long-prevailing philosophy that America always benefits from free trade even if America's trading partners erect barriers against American exporters. Instead, the new administration seems intent to move towards "managed trade", a hybrid which embraces free international trade in principle, but within pre-set limits. This new approach leaves a question mark over last year's agreement between the EC and the US on the question of aircraft subsidies. The US administration could well seek a renegotiation of this agreement.

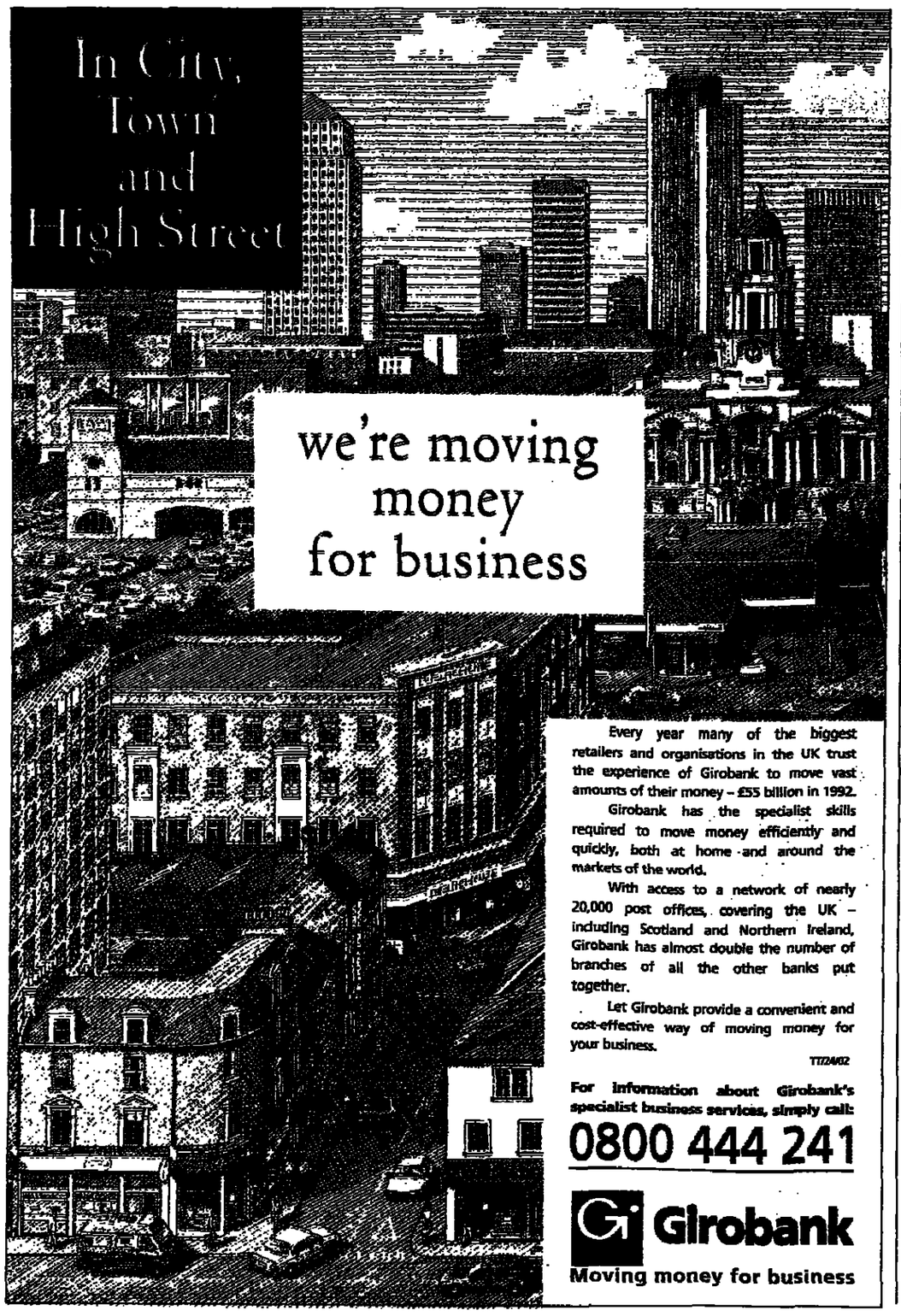
In a wider sense, the new policy will also affect the world trade talks. Despite Mr Clinton's conciliatory gesture to ask Congress for a renewal of the so-called fast-track negotiating authority, which runs out on March 2, Europeans may find America to be a much tougher negotiating partner in the future than before.

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Hands across the water: Mr Clinton addresses Boeing workers, while John Major leaves Downing Street yesterday, before his US trip



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Airbus bewildered by attack

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

EUROPE

OFFICIALS of the four-nation consortium which employs more than 30,000 workers throughout Europe in building Airbus jets were stunned at the revival of a ten-year-old trade dispute.

During the 1980s, Airbus Industrie made deeper and deeper inroads into the traditional market dominance of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, threatening to wreck trade relations between Europe and the United States. The row culminated in an international agreement last summer, with Europe agreeing to a 33 per cent ceiling on the amount the governments of Britain, France, Germany and Spain could put into the development of any new aircraft. In return the US government agreed to limit its own funding of military projects which could be used commercially. This, it was thought, had defused the dispute.

President Clinton's attack was regarded with bewilderment and scepticism in the Toulouse headquarters of Airbus. Many believed that he was talking purely for home consumption in the wake of the decision by Boeing to lay off 28,000 workers, and that he could not turn his accusations of unfair subsidies into a complaint under international law. Others were concerned that the mood of protectionism sweeping the United States would reopen the sore.

To create an industry across four nations, the fledgeling Airbus asked governments to provide aid in the form of repayable loans. The first Airbus, the A300, received 100 per cent government aid and the latest version, the A321, none. Now the consortium is earning enough to provide all the $480 million (£330 million) necessary to launch the new aircraft. Sales earned the consortium sufficient to repay $700 million in 1991, $800 million in 1992 and an anticipated $1 billion this year.

This, says, Airbus, is not the case with the Americans who are providing a hidden subsidy to their plane-makers. A survey commissioned by Airbus showed that beween 1976 and 1990 Boeing and McDonnell Douglas received the equivalent of $41 billion of aid in the form of Nasa contracts for research, defence contracts which could be used for commercial purposes, cockpit design research, engine technology and tax breaks.

They also claim that Boeing has partners in Japan and Italy helping to build the new Boeing 777 twin jet with the help of government subsidies and that, despite the alleged government help to Airbus, Boeing sold 60 per cent of all commercial aircraft throughout the world last year.

Treaty row resumes

JOHN Major will not be formally representing the EC at his meetings in Washington, but two EC issues on which the tide is running against Britain will be high on his agenda (George Brock writes).

After a two-year freeze while America and Europe argued over reducing subsidies, an agreement last November on agriculture enabled work to restart on a new General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade treaty.

Since January, however, the mood has soured as President Clinton has signalled his intention to attack European subsidy rules.

Mr Major is also likely to raise the question of EC trade barriers against Eastern Europe. British officials in Brussels are spending this week trying to prevent the EC limiting the quantities of steel imported from the east, but have found few allies.

Home Office defends files search

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND PHILIP WEBSTER

ELECTION 1992

WHITEHALL was making strenuous efforts yesterday to portray Conservative party support for President Bush's campaign against Bill Clinton last year as the work of junior party officials and minor civil servants.

Dogged by renewed controversy over the involvement of Tory officials in the election, the prime minister told the Commons that they had been "invited privately by people in the Republican party". He was jeered by Labour MPs as he said: "No one was sent by the Conservative party to take part in last year's presidential election campaign."

He added that the fares of Sir John Lacy, then campaign director at Conservative Central Office, and Mark Fullbrook, then head of campaigning, were "paid by people in the Republican party, they travelled in their own time, they paid their own personal expenses".

Margaret Beckett, Labour's deputy leader, shook her head as Mr Major continued that "Labour did send people, including their deputy leader, to Democrat headquarters". In fact, as a statement from Mrs Beckett later confirmed, she met some of Mr Clinton's campaigners between December 13 and 15, after the election.

Mr Major faced questioning from Labour MPs over the allegations that Home Office files had been searched for information on Mr Clinton. He said: "Enquirers were told that, in accordance with normal practice, details about individual applications could not be disclosed to third parties."

Sir John Lacy, a veteran of every election campaign since 1950, remains a part-time consultant to Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory chairman, and was a friend of the late Lee Atwater, who ran the Bush campaign in 1988.

Mr Fullbrook left Central Office at the end of last month to set up his own company, Parliamentary Liaison Services, which is advising Conservative associations and candidates on communications.

Mr Fullbrook said: "We were there for only a couple of days. I am amazed at the impact we are supposed to have made. You would have thought we changed the world. The Republicans did lose the election you know."

The Home Office said yesterday that ministers were not consulted or informed at the time that the confidential files were searched for information on Mr Clinton. They were inspected after an approach from a newspaper journalist trying to substantiate rumours circulating in the United States that Mr Clinton had sought British citizenship.

A Home Office spokesman said: "We gave the stock answer that we do not discuss individual cases." A press officer, fearing that the story would rumble on, asked the section dealing with immigration nationality applications to see whether there was an application by Mr Clinton.

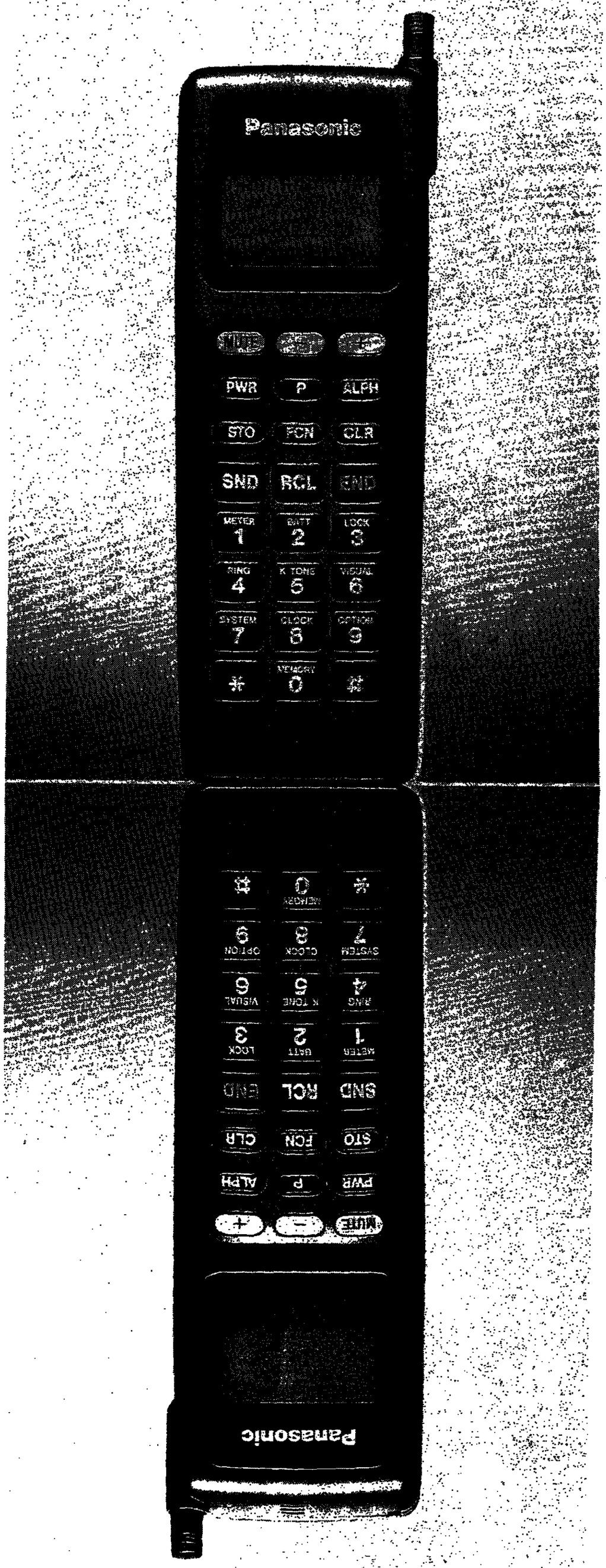
The spokesman said: "It established that there was none. Purely to stop an unnecessarily critical story running we gave the journalist guidance, on lobby terms, that no such application existed." The home secretary was told when *The Washington Post* ran a story about the check.

Labour MPs were sceptical about the explanation and the question remains about what would have happened if an application for citizenship had existed.

The Home Office spokesman said: "We would not have told the newspaper. We would have stuck to the line that we do not discuss individual cases. This was not a case of the Home Office combing the files to try to dig up dirt. We reserve the right to try to stop harmful stories running in the press."

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Tory peers attack leasehold reform

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

DEEP misgivings in some quarters of the Conservative party about the government's leasehold reforms surfaced in the Lords yesterday when a succession of Tory peers criticised the proposals.

The government's housing and urban development bill, which will give up to 750,000 leaseholders the right to force their landlords to sell their freeholds, has already taken a mauling in the Commons. One Tory MP said he had never felt more ashamed of any legislation introduced by the party.

The government promised reforms to "enfranchise" leaseholders in its election manifesto but has been accused of proceeding far beyond its mandate. The government has said the reforms are aimed at extending home ownership and are a natural extension of its "right to buy" policy in the public rental sector. The government has already announced that it is prepared to amend the bill to ensure that historic areas such as Georgian crescents in London and Bath are protected.

Some of London's wealthiest land-owners, including the Duke of Westminster, who was present in the Lords during yesterday's second reading debate, Lord Cadogan, Lord Portman and Lord Howard de Walden, stand to lose vast swathes of their historic estates if the bill proceeds to the statute book. None of those most directly affected spoke in the debate.

Lord Peyton, a former Tory transport minister, said he had no personal interest but felt a "distaste" for the bill, which "adopted a very broad brush approach to what is a very complex and complicated problem". He criticised the bill for allowing legal contracts agreed in the past to be overturned.

The bill would discourage property letting, he said, the very opposite outcome to what the government wanted. He also expressed concern about the impact on property estates owned by charities. Any indication from the government that it was prepared to put the wishes of benefactors to one side would be "a very undesirable and damaging step to take". He also expressed concern about the impact of the breakup of London's great estates on the capital's streets, crescents and squares, "the beauty of which has been well preserved by careful estate management".

Lord Boardman, a former Tory Treasury minister, said he had no personal financial interest affected by the bill and rejected press suggestions that Tory objections were being made on behalf of "large central London estate owners". His concern was for "the thousands of small freeholders". The bill appeared to disregard one of the fundamentals of Conservative philosophy: respect for the sanctity of contracts. The right to purchase enshrined in the bill would extend to foreigners and non-residents, contrary to the spirit of the party's manifesto.

Lord Middleton, the former head of the Country Landowners' Association, rejected the argument that the bill could be compared to the compulsory purchase powers of government. Compulsory purchase for development was justified by the greater public good overriding private interests. It would be better to amend existing legislation than proceed down "this very dubious route".

Opening the debate, Lord Strathclyde, the junior environment minister, described the bill as "one more stage in the government's commitment to encourage owner occupation and to enable people to take full advante of their own property". He quoted research from the Consumers Association that found that two-thirds of leaseholders reported problems with their freeholders, nearly half of which were considered serious.



The Duke of Westminster, who stands to lose some of his historic properties

Constituency profile

Recession brings a murmur of protest

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

Protest does not come naturally to the constituents of Newbury, but if it does it comes as a refined murmur of disapproval. Those anticipating a roar of discontent about government policy may be disappointed when the by-election campaign, forced by the death of the Tory MP Judith Chaplin, descends on this prosperous pocket of western Berkshire.

Conservatives are looking at May 6 — the day of local elections — for this by-election. If the Liberal Democrats are to overturn a 12,357 Tory majority they will have to seize on a rare local desire for change.

Newbury, the market town of 26,000, contains only a third of the population of Newbury, the constituency. The bulk of the electorate lives in the smaller towns of Thatcham, which almost merges with Newbury, and Hungerford, or in the prosperous countryside. The constituency is a peculiar mix of old wealth built on the cloth industry, agriculture and, more recently, the growth of horse-racing, plus multinational companies such as Vodafone, Bayer, Sony, National Panasonic and IBM.

Modern Newbury sits awkwardly with its past. Once, the Kennet and Avon canal was the town's proudest boast. Now the Kennet Mall, a run-of-the-mill indoor shopping centre, takes pride of place.

The town bears scars indicating a scuffle, rather than a battle against recession. The JobCentre has doubled its staff although the number of vacancies has fallen by two-thirds. The quadrupling of the unemployment rate to 7 per cent also shows in the columns of the *Newbury Weekly News*, where only two pages of vacancies appear, compared with 16 pages a couple of years ago. However, Vodafone, Newbury's biggest employer with 1,200 staff, raised local morale by increasing pre-tax profits by 24 per cent to £160 million last year. "The Vodafone people are the ones drinking champagne nowadays — there aren't many others," says Richard Hayman, a restaurant manager.

Many in the area are reluctant to load blame on the government, and there is a strong resolution to improve business through their own hard work. It may prove an error for the Liberal Democrats to try to capitalise on government failure.

The answer, say locals, is to address the local issues, even if they have little relevance to the national picture. If the Liberal Democrats are to overturn the majority, local people believe they must look to the vast tracts of High Tory country to the north of Newbury, home of the racing fraternity in the Lambourn valley.

Rural residents feel that the Liberal Democrats concentrated their general election campaign heavily in their own stronghold of Newbury and Thatcham, without pushing into the surrounding blue belt.

East Garston, a heavily thatched village just three miles from Lambourn, has seen glimpses of recession for the first time in recent memory. Chris Tonge who runs the village post office and shop, was paying out ten unemployment benefit cheques a week last year. "It doesn't sound much but, compared to the usual one, it's a big increase."

Sarah Bradstock who, with her husband Mark, train 30 racehorses, was a Tory voter but now ranks as a floating voter. "I will listen to anyone who is prepared to press the government on behalf of the racing industry. It means a great deal to people in this area and in the end people have to think about what affects them."

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ARGENTINA

Major is pressed to act on jobless

BY ROBERT MORGAN
POLITICAL STAFF

WITH the long-term unemployed now above one million for the first time since January 1988, the prime minister came under pressure yesterday to do something about it. John Smith, the Opposition leader, said in the Commons that the prime minister "fails to understand" the deep concern felt in the country. It was not "remotely satisfactory that a problem has to reach crisis proportions before it gets on to the government's agenda".

In a heated question time exchange, John Major retorted that unemployment was rising across Europe under governments of all colours, including socialist governments in France and Spain. "If there is an easy solution why is it those socialist governments and others have failed to find it?"

He rejected the suggestion that he failed to understand. It was because he did, he said, that a whole programme of measures to help had been put in place. Mr Major conceded that long-term unemployment was higher than anyone would wish to see, but by next year there would be more than 1.2 million places in such things as training schemes and business start-up schemes, and Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, was considering what other measures could be put in place.

Mr Smith urged the prime minister to release local authority receipts from the sale of council houses to help to tackle unemployment.

The prime minister said that when abroad Mr Smith acknowledged that unemployment was a world-wide problem, but when at home "he did not have the courage" to do so. "He comes here only with sound-bite politics."

Peter Luff, Tory MP for Worcester, saw some hope, with Jaguar investing £500 million in Coventry and expansion plans at Rover. Mr Major said this demonstrated that the United Kingdom was regarded as a key manufacturing base by Jaguar's parent company, Ford.

Bill to end drugs secrecy opposed

BY MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

ATTEMPTS to end the secrecy surrounding the licensing of new drugs are being undermined by the government despite its commitment to more open government, it was claimed yesterday.

The medicines information bill, which seeks to overhaul a sweeping legislative secrecy clause, would give the public access to test results by manufacturers on the safety and efficiency of new drugs.

More than a hundred medicines have had their licences withdrawn or suspended since 1979, including the anti-arthritis drug Opren and the tranquilliser Halcion. Maurice Frankel, director of the Campaign for Freedom of Information, said: "Neither patients nor doctors have any right to know why such decisions were taken."

Mr Frankel says the bill, sponsored by Giles Radice, the Labour MP for Durham, is faced by a series of wrecking amendments designed to deprive it of any teeth when it returns to committee today.

Under section 118 of the 1968 Medicines Act, information on new drugs supplied to licensing authorities by drug companies is classified as confidential. Breaches of the law carry a maximum two years' imprisonment.

Mr Radice's bill would require the government to publish a summary and evaluation of information supplied by the manufacturer when issuing a licence for new drugs.

The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry insists that the bill, at least in its present form, "infringes" international property rights of companies while leaving them "unprotected" against exploitation from competitors.

The association said that the US was usually cited as an example of an open licensing system but it "does not make available trade secrets or commercial information relating to manufacturing methods or processes". The association added that it welcomed more openness in the medical licensing system, but insisted that Mr Radice's bill went too far.

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Palestinians rule out peace talks until deportees returned

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

■ As US efforts to restart a Middle East dialogue founder, the prospect of peace talks without Palestinians is growing more likely

AMERICAN efforts to revive the Middle East peace process foundered yesterday when Palestinian leaders told Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, that they will not resume dialogue with Israel.

In his first meeting with ten leading Palestinian figures from the occupied territories, Mr Christopher was told in no uncertain terms that they would not again participate in the 16-month negotiating process until all the Palestinian deportees in south Lebanon were repatriated.

Although the Palestinian move was widely predicted in the wake of Israel's expulsion of the 415 Palestinians on December 17, it nonetheless represents the US envoy's first serious setback on his Middle East tour. His efforts to rekindle the flagging peace process had previously been greeted with enthusiasm in six Arab capitals as well as Israel itself.

Palestinian sources said a compromise might still be possible today when Mr Christopher has his second round of talks with Palestinians, this time a smaller, more influential group.

Yesterday's tough Palestinian position was set out in two documents delivered to Mr Christopher at the American consulate in Arab east Jerusalem. Palestinian sources said Faisal Husseini, the overall head of the Palestinian negotiators, reiterated his commitment to the peace process but insisted that he could not consider returning to the negotiating table until Israel took back all the deportees.

Mr Christopher was also given details of the dramatic rise in the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli security forces in the occupied territories in the past two months and of the destruction of Palestinian homes by anti-tank missiles fired by Israeli soldiers seeking wanted men. Israeli soldiers yesterday shot dead an Arab in the Gaza Strip, the fiftieth Palestinian to die since the December expulsions. He was Awad al-Surdi, 28, a male nurse at a United Nations clinic.

The Palestinian leadership's stubborn refusal to accept even a compromise solution to the deportee problem, involving a staged return over the course of the year, is widely believed to be in part due to the growing opposition to the peace talks among the 1.8 million Palestinians in the occupied territories.

"We are damned if we go to the talks and damned if we don't," Saeb Erekat, a member of the Palestinian delegation, said. "We are damned if we do, because our constituency will not accept our return, and damned if we don't, because it is in our interest to attend negotiations on the future of our land."

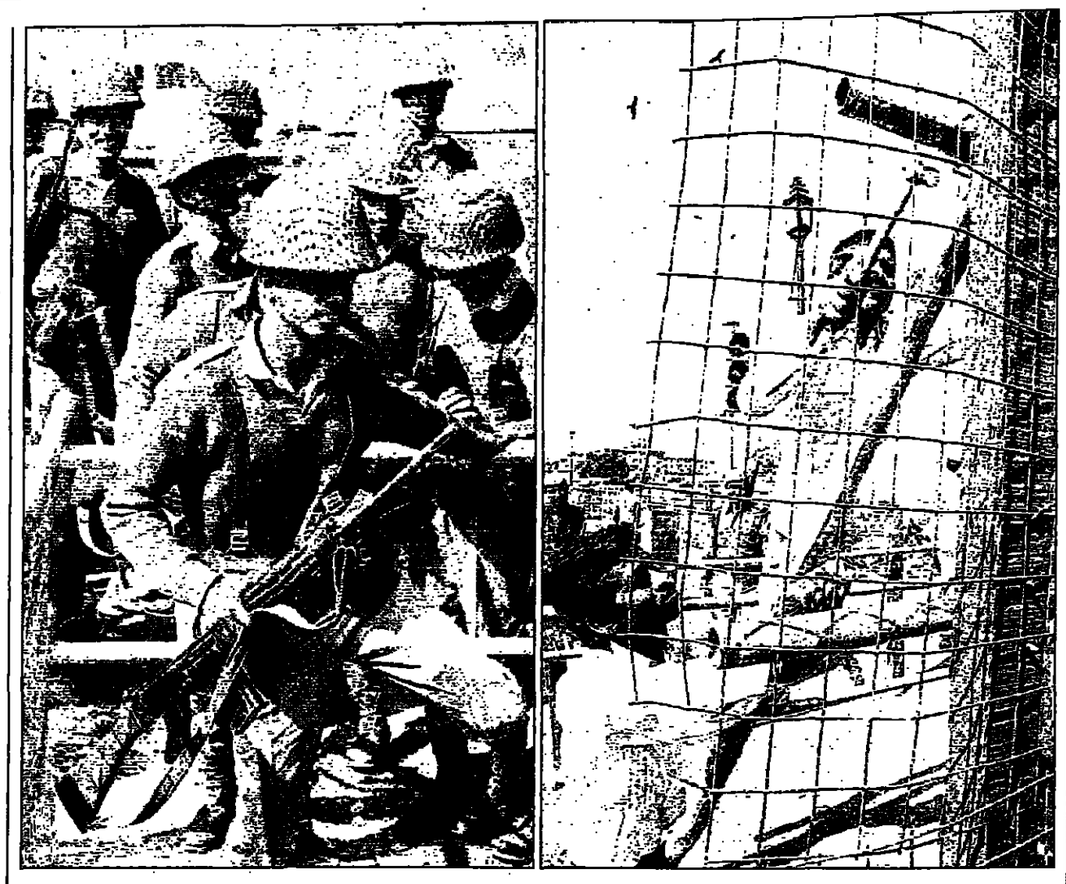
This last refers to Palestinian fears that the other Arab participants in bilateral talks — Syria, Lebanon and Jordan — will send their delegations back to Washington in April with or without Palestinian participation. That scenario seemed increasingly likely yesterday after Mr Christopher twice met Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, who has made clear that he is interested in pursuing a land-for-peace deal with Syria over the Golan Heights.

An opinion poll published in yesterday's Hebrew *Daily Davar* showed that 54 per cent of Israelis are prepared to return all or part of the Golan. The study, conducted by the respected Jaffee Institute of Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University, also revealed that 62 per cent favoured giving up the occupied territories and 13 per cent even wanted the establishment of a Palestinian state.

In spite of the broad public support for the left-wing coalition government's stand, scores of demonstrators converged on Mr Rabin's office yesterday to protest against its policies. The peaceful demonstrations were led by Jewish settlers from the Golan, who built a "protest igloo" with snow brought from Mount Hermon. Right-wing Israelis hired a crane to hoist a 40ft caricature of a heavily armed Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, with a sign reading: "Welcome Warren" and "US Supports Terror".

□ **London:** President Herzog of Israel will discuss the peace negotiations with John Major on Friday at the end of his state visit to Britain (Eve-Ann Prentice writes). Mr Herzog will also have talks about the Arab-Israeli negotiations with Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, tomorrow.

The Israeli president also faces a protest demonstration in London by supporters of Mordechai Vanunu, the nuclear scientist held in solitary confinement in Israel since his conviction for treason in 1988. Vanunu was kidnapped by Israeli agents in Rome after revealing Israeli nuclear secrets to *The Sunday Times* in 1986.



Siege tactics: paramilitary forces taking up their positions at barricades around the Indian parliament in Delhi yesterday, as workers erect fences around government buildings. Delhi has been turned into a fortress and police are poised to confront Hindu zealots vowing to march on the capital tomorrow in defiance of a government ban (Christopher Thomas writes). Every road into the city has been sealed. The confrontation may decide whether the government will survive a continuing onslaught by the zealots who have caused political chaos for the past three months. Tens of thousands of people have been arrested to stop them heading for Delhi, but the threat of violence remains high. The rally has been called by the Bharatiya Janata Party, which is demanding elections in four states it controlled before being sacked for its role in the destruction of the mosque in Ayodhya last December.

Multiracial jury picked for Rodney King trial

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

AFTER five days of questioning, a multiracial jury has been selected in the federal trial of the four white police officers accused of beating a black motorist, Rodney King.

The jury which acquitted the officers of most charges last April — which led to the worst riots in America this century — was almost entirely white, but the jury in the second trial, sworn in at Los Angeles federal district court on Monday, includes two blacks and a young Hispanic. Eight are men and four women. One juror said he had been "stunned" by the first verdict, but that he would be able to reserve judgment until he had heard all the evidence.

Given the publicity surrounding the case and the riots, finding a sufficiently impartial (or ignorant) jury has been a long and painstaking process. Hundreds of people filled out questionnaires or were interviewed before the final selection. "I want you to keep in mind the very, very grave responsibility thrust upon you," Judge John Davies told the jury.

The infamous videotape of Mr King's beating is again likely to play a crucial part in the trial. The prosecution will try to prove that the officers intended to deprive the motorist of his civil rights when he was stopped for speeding and beaten on March 3, 1991. They face fines of $250,000 (£170,000) and up to ten years in prison if convicted.

Even among the selected jurors the videotape evoked emotional responses. "I looked at Rodney [King] as a victim," one juror said.

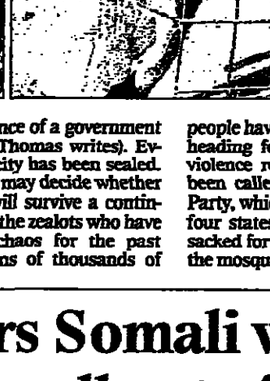
US orders Somali warlord's forces to pull out of key port

FROM REUTER IN MOGADISHU

AMERICAN-LED forces in Somalia yesterday gave Muhammad Said Hersi, the warlord and son-in-law of the former dictator Mohamed Siad Barre, until midnight tomorrow to pull his forces out of Kismayu, where at least 11 people were killed as his militia fought running battles with rivals.

Colonel Fred Peck, the US military spokesman, said the ultimatum, signed by Lieutenant General Robert Johnston, commander of the American forces in Somalia, and US special envoy Robert Oakley, had been communicated to the warlord, also known as Morgan, by radio. "We all want all of Morgan's forces, not just those in Kismayu, and their weapons to be in their designated cantonment area, which is near the town of Doble, 30 miles northwest of Kismayu, by midnight on Thursday," Colonel Peck said. "Anything out of that cantonment by that date will be confiscated and destroyed."

Colonel Peck denied an earlier United Nations report that Kismayu had fallen into the hands of Morgan's militia, saying that the forces only controlled about half a square mile of the city which they took in fighting with loyalists of Omer Jess on Monday. Belgium also denied yesterday that Morgan's militia had seized the port. "The Belgians and the Americans are in control," a Belgian defence ministry spokesman said.



In Mogadishu yesterday supporters of General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, Somalia's chief warlord, stoned cars and threw up barricades of flaming tyres in protest against alleged US support of Morgan's militia. The protesters blocked the main road to the US embassy and the logistics support headquarters of the 23-nation force.

The Irish Republic said yesterday it was sending a state minister as special envoy to the United States to seek American and UN support for disarming Somalia's warring factions after Valerie Place, 23, a Dublin nurse working for the charity Concern, was shot dead near Mogadishu on Monday. Dick Spring, the foreign minister, who announced that he was sending Tom Kitt, said: "This incident underlines yet again the urgent need to disarm the warring factions in Somalia and to protect the aid community."

Russians hone souk's skills

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

CAIRO buyers are being given a lesson in haggling under the dusty palms of Lofti Hasuuna street at the illegal but thriving "Russian bazaar".

Encouraged by the death of communism and impoverished by economic reforms, scores of former Soviet citizens are to be found furiously bargaining with Arabs anxious to purchase the contents of their bulging plastic bags and canvas holdalls. Yesterday at least 50 Russian vendors were to be seen haggling in a market unlike any other in the Middle East. Policemen demanding *baksheesh* to ignore the law against hawking were kept sweet with bribes such as lipsticks which otherwise sell for 50 piastres (10p).

Among the other Russian-made items on sale were plastic tablecloths, women's underwear, radios, watches, children's toys, telephones, hairdryers, shawls, brandy and vodka. The narrow street echoed with car hooters as taxis double parked to facilitate deals in the privacy of the rear seats.

Apart from *skolko* (Russian for "how much") there was little common language, but this did not affect the frenetic pace of commerce, with amounts signalled on portable calculators.

"We are here because perestroika did not work and because we can catch a little sunshine at the same time," said Lubla, 55, from Stravropol. "In Cairo we can make enough to live for months when we get home."

Goods are bought with Egyptian pounds which are later exchanged for dollars on the black market. The Russians come on tourist visas with stuffed suitcases.

Lubla, who was wearing six shawls despite the heat (and offering a "super-minimum" price equivalent to £10 each), said that after two days' trading in Cairo she was off to Alexandria before returning to Russia for more goods.

ANC is given poll cash pledge

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

LEADERS of the European anti-apartheid movement are planning a huge fund-raising campaign to help the African National Congress win South Africa's first one-person, one-vote election.

After a meeting of international solidarity called by the ANC over the weekend, they also agreed to ask the European Commission's observer mission to be reorganised and increased. In addition, they want the mission to be given a new leader and to publish a report.

Robert Hughes, the Labour MP for Aberdeen North and chairman of the British Anti-Apartheid Movement, speaking for anti-apartheid militants from Europe, said the group was "seized of the importance of the task of raising as much money as possible" for the ANC. The group would also try to ensure that the ANC had access to all the media during the campaign. The anti-apartheid movement would also provide transport and the resources to produce election material.

The anti-apartheid group will also appeal to the United Nations to provide monitors to ensure that the electoral process is free and fair. The appeal calls for international verification of the results, monitoring of the campaign and supervision of voting.

The group criticised the arrangements under which Commission monitors operate. Twelve observers from Europe, mainly senior policemen, are now in South Africa. Michael Terry, secretary of Britain's Anti-Apartheid Movement, said the group needed more people with diplomatic and legal skills.

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Hillary's spiritual hotline chills Washington

BY BEN MACINTYRE

HILLARY Clinton's announcement that she has taken to having conversations "in her head" with Eleanor Roosevelt, her predecessor as First Lady who died in 1962, has sent a fresh chill of horror through part of the American establishment already alarmed by Mrs Clinton's forthright display of her political power.

At a function on Monday to raise funds for a statue to Mrs Roosevelt, Mrs Clinton said she regularly turned for advice to the spirit of America's best-loved and most-reviled First Lady. "How did you put up with this?," she has asked her. "How did you go on day to day ... with the kind of attacks, criticisms that would be hurled your way?" For some, this remark was further evidence of Mrs Clinton's determination to become the power behind the presidency.

But just what advice would Mrs Roosevelt have given to her latest successor? Like Mrs Clinton, she came to the role firing on all cylinders. Even before Franklin D. Roosevelt took office in 1933, she astonished a New York opera audience by standing up between acts and delivering an impassioned plea on behalf of the Depression-racked poor; her first public act was to tour the grimy slums of Washington and mount a campaign for their improvement.

Mrs Roosevelt helped her husband with most key appointments, discussing issues and often pressing him to adopt her own more liberal stance on questions of race, poverty, health and housing. Her newspaper columns were widely read and became an important vehicle for floating the administration's initiatives as well as her own. For 40 years Mrs Roosevelt championed her causes, sometimes in spite of her husband's opposition, thus earning the enduring enmity of at least part of the Washington establishment.

But instead of the meddling shrew she was painted by her enemies, Mrs Roosevelt has emerged as a woman of vision and a political force in her own right. Mrs Clinton is aware of this and is has been attempting to wrap herself in the mantle of her predecessor.



The guru and the disciple: Eleanor Roosevelt is the former First Lady to whom Hillary Clinton defers

Even before her husband was elected president, Mrs Clinton had apparently elevated Mrs Roosevelt to the status of a personal spiritual guru. "As the campaign wore on, I devoured information about Mrs Roosevelt and would ask her the tough questions," Mrs Clinton said.

Mrs Roosevelt was an opinionated, energetic activist, but she was also a naturally supple and subtle politician. Mrs Clinton may overshadow Mrs Roosevelt in intelligence and sophistication, but she lacks her instinctive sense of when to attack and when to retreat. Mrs Roosevelt was careful to paint herself as "a concerned citizen ... [with] a point of view of my own", thus deftly deflecting attacks by those who saw her as an intrusive powermonger. At a White House breakfast in 1936, Mrs Roosevelt advised women in public life: "You cannot take anything personally; you cannot bear grudges; you must finish the day's work when the day is done." It is advice Mrs Clinton might do well to adopt. In spite of her sometimes steely exterior, Mrs Clinton takes criticism personally and painfully, and instead of rolling with the punches her instinct is to punch back. Mrs Roosevelt had a charm and poise which softened her image but increased her effectiveness; a trait which Mrs Clinton often seems to lack.

Mrs Clinton is subject to far closer scrutiny than any of her forebears, but arguably that calls for more, not less, adaptability on her part. She is brusque and abrasive and she can be remarkably unsubtle: she has irritated politicans by over-familiarity, displaying her political clout like no First Lady before her and has reinforced the now widespread belief that she is unbending in her belief in her own rectitude.

NEWS IN BRIEF

UN teams fail to find Iraqi Scuds

Baghdad: Two teams of United Nations weapons inspectors left Baghdad yesterday after their most intensive search so far apparently failed to locate any Iraqi Scud missiles.

The teams rushed to three military installations on Monday to check "very important information" on Iraq's long-range missile programme. An Iraqi official said they had found nothing. A team leader declined to comment, but indicated that the inspectors were leaving Baghdad empty-handed.

"We were checking very specific information related to prohibited items," Nikita Smidovich told reporters before departing. Mr Smidovich, a Russian, headed a team of 21 arms experts which flew to join another team. *(Reuter)*

Tanks deployed

Dakar: Tanks and riot police were posted at key points in *Dakar as Senegal awaited results* of presidential elections. The security was aimed at deterring a political backlash if President Diouf is re-elected. *(Reuter)*

Muslim to hang

Alexandria: Hassan Shehata Badran, 45, a Muslim extremist, has been sentenced by an Egyptian military court to hang for killing a policeman. He is the ninth militant to receive the death penalty since October. *(AP)*

Sex appeal

Manila: Foreigners who make false promises of marriage to persuade Filipino women to have sex should pay damages for "moral seduction", the supreme court said in rejecting an Iranian student's appeal. *(Reuter)*

Truce extended

Kabul: Burhanuddin Rabbani, the Afghan president, extended a fragile ceasefire in Kabul for Ramadan and urged the Hezb-i-Islami and Shia Muslim Hezb-i-Wahdat to respect the fast. *(Reuter)*

Wrong box

Lille: Two Romanians living in Belgium were found near death in a container on the French border. Last week they set out to stow away on a ship to Canada but got into the wrong container. *(AFP)*

Schools search

Los Angeles: Portable metal detectors are to be introduced in random weapons searches at all Los Angeles high schools after the fatal shooting of a boy of 17. It was the second school killing here this year. *(AP)*

Wine kills 15

Buenos Aires: Fifteen people died and at least 46 were in hospital after drinking cheap wine thought to have been mixed with methyl alcohol by the growers. *(AP)*

Uncomradely

Peking: Chinese state television has dropped the word comrade in addressing viewers of the evening news, apparently signalling further government openness. *(AFP)*

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Balkan war crimes tribunal seems likely to remain a pious hope



Karadzic asked to be free of harassment

BY ROGER BOYES

NOW the question is, will handcuffs be snapped around Radovan Karadzic's wrists next time he joins Lord Owen, the European Community's peace negotiator, for talks? The American State Department has identified the leader of the Bosnian Serbs as a possible war criminal, yet his presence is as essential as ever in the pursuit of an eventual peace settlement in Bosnia.

The dilemma has been created by the United Nations Security Council's vote to set up a war crimes tribunal, although US officials insist there is no contradiction and that the pursuit of peace and of justice run parallel.

Legal dodges can indeed be devised. If Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, personally invites Dr Karadzic to New York he will enjoy some immunity from arrest. Negotiations can in any case be resumed in Switzerland or another neutral country. Dr Karadzic has in fact written to Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, his co-negotiator, asking for guarantees that he would be free from "legal harassment" if he attended peace talks in New York.

The long-term problems of justice on the battlefield have still to be resolved, however. Dr Boutros Ghali has two months to resolve some of the more obvious difficulties. Only then will it be clear if the tribunal, the first of its kind since the postwar Nuremberg trials, is a public relations exercise or something more far-reaching.

■ **A war crimes trial might please the Americans. Few believe that it would put the men who committed atrocities behind bars**

There is perhaps no such thing as a perfectly fair war crimes court. The authority of Nuremberg was sapped by the presence of the Russians, who were known to have committed their own war atrocities.

This Balkan tribunal, however, looks set to be wholly impractical. How, for example, is evidence of year-old atrocities to be gathered when the perpetrators are still holding the territory where the crimes were allegedly committed? This is a particular problem in eastern Bosnia. If even aid lorries have difficulty entering this Serb-dominated region, it is difficult to see how forensic scientists and trained police investigators will be allowed to roam freely.

US intelligence sources say that Serbia is still operating 135 prison camps. The climate in these camps is weighted against a fair collection of evidence; guards listen to testimony and are free to punish inmates later.

Although most of the evidence must be gathered from refugees in Croatia and the West, this, too, is not foolproof. There are many genuine rape victims, for example, but they are usually vague about the identity of their attacker. The problem is aggravated by the trauma of the crime, so that victims cannot really contribute anything of use to investigators trying to establish a chain of command.

In what sense were the rapes of Bosnian Muslim women "systematic"? Who ordered the policy? How are orders passed to the men on the front line?

The main impact of a war crimes tribunal is to deter those who are still committing atrocities. Some of the warlords singled out by the US State Department as criminals are clearly beyond deterrence. But a few Serbs who once boasted in print of "scooping out brains" have started to retract their statements.

Prison camp commanders may think twice about the way they treat their inmates. Alternatively, they may start murdering witnesses. Much depends on the way the war is eventually ended. If the Vance-Owen plan is accepted, an informal amnesty may be worked out between Serbs and Croats with both refusing, as it were, to press charges.

To stop such a cover-up is partly why President Clinton has decided to press so hard for a tribunal. There is a moral point to be made. To some degree the results of "ethnic cleansing" will have to be accepted by the West as part of a negotiated peace in the Balkans. That is distasteful to many, and a tribunal that publicises atrocities and points a finger at the criminals may help Americans to accept the unfairness of it all. But only the most determined of optimists in the Clinton administration really believe that war criminals will end up in the dock, much less in prison.

America scales down its plans to airlift supplies into Bosnia

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE planned American-led operation to drop food and medical supplies from the air to thousands of people trapped in Bosnia has been scaled down to a strictly short-term humanitarian mission without a heavyweight fighter-bomber escort.

The initial plan by the Pentagon to send in fighters to target anti-aircraft gun and missile positions threatening the aid planes appears to have been dropped. British diplomatic sources said the Americans had made no mention of air cover in the memo sent to all Nato allies.

The memo, received in allied and UN Security Council capitals on Monday evening, stressed that the food drop operation would be an "exclusively humanitarian expedient" to start as soon as possible. The American government has appealed for wide support.

Foreign Office sources said that Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, was in favour of the operation but was prepared to give way to Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, if the military advice cautioned against joining the mission. There are no plans at this stage for the RAF to be involved.

The ministry of defence spent yesterday working out the risks involved in sending RAF Hercules cargo planes over hostile terrain in Bosnia. The two Hercules, now based at Ancona in Italy, began flying aid into Sarajevo again yesterday after the brief suspension of flights. The plan envisaged by the Americans is to drop food by air to any part of Bosnia, not just eastern Bosnia, where supplies are desperately short. Since the road convoys are now getting through once again — a British-escorted convoy reached Tuzla in northern Bosnia yesterday — the Americans have suggested the air drops would be a temporary complement to the ground operations. They would also be carried out in consultation with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, or UNHCR.

The decision on whether RAF Hercules will take part is expected within the next 24 hours. The RAF has extensive experience in air dropping food suplies, using three different methods:

☐ The ultra low-level altitude technique, dropping palletted food from 50ft, using a drag parachute to extract the supplies from the Hercules and a main parachute to land them.

☐ The free-drop technique, where bundles of food are dropped from 15ft-50ft without a parachute.

☐ The one-tonne method, where larger supplies on pallets are dropped by parachute from 1,000ft.

The aim would be to drop the supplies as close to the target areas as possible. The higher the altitude, the less accurate the drop.

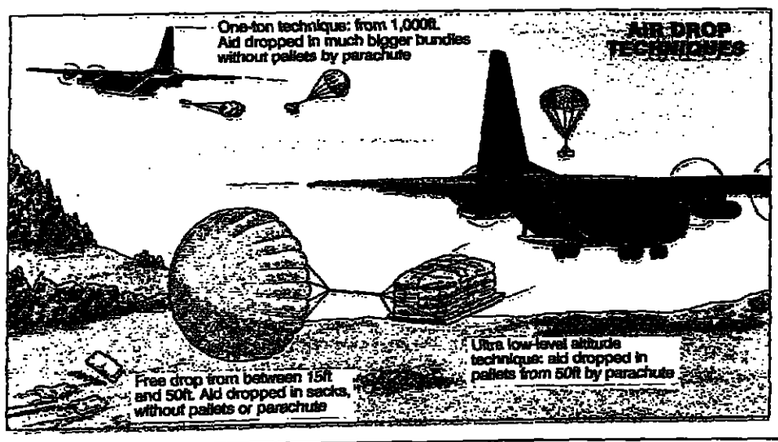
RAF sources said that since the terrain was rugged and mountainous, the third method, dropping from at least 1,000ft, would be the favoured choice. Lower-level flights would also be vulnerable to ground attack.

The official US proposal was welcomed by the Foreign Office yesterday because of the clear indication from Washington that this was not going to be a large scale military operation that could be interpreted as the first phase of a longer term plan to intervene in Bosnia. The Serbs have warned against air drops. However, British diplomatic sources said the objective would be to drop food to all three communities in Bosnia, the Serbs, Muslims and Croats, to underline that it was a purely humanitarian mission.

Nato sources said the US had revealed plans to start parachuting relief supplies into Bosnia in the next few days. Nato's military authorities are also looking at ways of supporting the US effort. Awacs, the early warning aircraft, are already monitoring the skies over Bosnia, and could be involved.

Suleyman Demirel, the Turkish prime minister, said his country would take part in US-led air drops. The Foreign Office emphasised the "effective" British humanitarian effort in Bosnia to date. So far, 279 escorted convoys had delivered 20,376 tonnes of aid to communities in need and 351 RAF flights into Sarajevo had delivered 4,772 tonnes of aid.

Air-drop dilemma, page 1





Victory garlands: Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian prime minister, following in the footsteps of two soldiers carrying a wreath to the tomb of the unknown soldier in Moscow yesterday. Hardliners later gathered outside the Kremlin to call for the return of the Soviet Union

Yeltsin angers veterans by missing ceremony

Kremlin warns of subversion in army

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PAVEL Grachev, Russia's defence minister, gave a warning yesterday that nationalist forces in the military were trying to subvert the army and use it to overthrow the government.

Marshal Grachev was speaking in a TV interview on Armed Forces day. It was the first direct admission by a senior military figure that the army is threatened by instability amid the battle for power between conservatives and liberals. "These people want to agitate within and split up the army," he said. "They want to blow it up from the inside to achieve their well-known ambitions." These were "criminal and dangerous".

Marshal Grachev said that the army remained loyal to President Yeltsin and added: "The command will not permit any split in the military ranks or any provocative calls for the formation of underground committees intent on staging political spectacles." He was responding to the attendance of a group of officers in uniform at a weekend opposition meeting which called for his resignation and that of the Russian leader. An Afghan veteran considered a hardliner, the marshal's unusually frank admission indicates that he fears for his own post and fragmentation of the military if the challenge to Mr Yeltsin's authority should become a hardline nationalist push for power.

With other government leaders, Marshal Grachev attended the traditional wreath-laying ceremony in honour of the war dead at the Kremlin walls. But Mr Yeltsin, who is commander-in-chief of the armed forces, stayed away, angering conservatives and war veterans. It was the first time a Kremlin leader had been absent from the ceremony.

Demonstrators gathered outside the Kremlin, calling for reconstitution of the Soviet Union and branding Mr Yeltsin a traitor.

Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vice-president and a possible rival, refused to comment on Mr Yeltsin's absence, saying only, "he has the right to a break like everyone else." Locked in a struggle for constitutional supremacy with his parliament, the Russian leader has retreated to his country dacha for a strategy overhaul.

Ruslan Khasbulatov, the conservative parliamentary speaker, on a visit to Finland in what looked like an attempt to canvass international support for his cause, said yesterday that the Russian people were unwilling to risk a divisive referendum on who should rule the country and called on Mr Yeltsin to abandon the idea of a plebiscite. Negotiations between Mr Khasbulatov and Mr Yeltsin on power-sharing reached a stalemate at the weekend. The president has said that if they fail he will call a referendum.

Morale within the army is low as it struggles to come to terms with the ideological aftermath of the Soviet Union's collapse, falling living standards and problems in housing as soldiers and their families are withdrawn from Eastern Europe.

Army dissidents, like Lieutenant Colonel Stanislav Terekhov, grouped around the self-styled Union of Officers, have brought into the open the struggle between officers loyal to the government and those who want a restoration of authoritarian national rule.

Leaders of coup march in Moscow

FROM REUTER IN MOSCOW

THOUSANDS of people, including the four ringleaders of the 1991 Communist coup against Mikhail Gorbachev, marched through central Moscow yesterday to protest against President Yeltsin's reformist government.

Communists and right-wing nationalists were joined by second world war veterans in a sea of hammer-and-sickle flags for a rally marking Armed Forces day. Chanting *Sovietsky Soyuz* (Soviet Union) and singing, they marched to Manezh Square, near the Kremlin walls, where government leaders had earlier laid a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier.

The rally was organised by the Communist party, which was recently unbanned when a court ruled against Mr Yeltsin's post-coup decree.

Confidence vote called to help lira

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

GIULIANO Amato, the Italian prime minister, yesterday bowed to market pressure and called a parliamentary confidence vote to try to revive the flagging fortunes of his government and the lira.

The Socialist leader had insisted that a vote in the Chamber of Deputies was unnecessary when he reshuffled his cabinet after the resignations of two key ministers amid the worst corruption scandal since the war.

The prime minister changed his mind, he said, because the lira was on the ropes and concern over unemployment was causing labour unrest, including a four-hour general strike in Tuscany yesterday.

Confidence in politicians and officials is being shaken daily by arrests, yesterday in Verona and the Venice region, in connection with public works corruption charges.

☐ **Bonn:** A law is to be proposed making the acceptance of bribes by German MPs a criminal offence. The move comes after public outcry over politicians in Bavaria accepting free holidays, cars and gifts from big business.

Russian archivists consider cash offers for Hitler secrets

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

THE Russian state archive is to sell information contained in secret documents from Hitler's bunker taken by Soviet troops at the end of the second world war. The announcement was made by the archive's director, Sergei Mironenko, who has already allowed Russian television to show pieces of what are alleged to be Hitler's skull.

The fragments, including bone from the temple area showing a bullet hole, had been held for decades in a box marked, inexplicably, "blue ink for pens".

Mr Mironenko said that the documents, drawing on testimony from people sheltering with Hitler as Soviet troops closed in, contained "sensational material about the personal life of Hitler and Eva Braun", but he refused to go into detail about the contents of the six thick volumes, compiled by Stalin's secret police, because of their commercial value.

He said that he had already received offers from Western publishing houses, "but we have not yet made our choice".

Among the material is testimony by Hitler's butler, Hans Linge. He said that after an emotional farewell Hitler withdrew to his private rooms. Minutes later Herr Linge heard a shot ring out. He then helped to carry the body into the chancellery garden to be burnt.

Until recently, not only Soviet rule but bitter Russian memories of the war would have made a sale of the items unthinkable. Archive and library directors, however, have explained that such sales have now become necessary because of the desperate state into which their collections have fallen, with many books and documents rotting away for want of proper care.

If the validity of these new documents is established, Mr Mironenko's sale will be the most spectacular of all, and will probably make his archive a fortune.

According to the magazine, *Novoe Vremya*, the skull fragments and jawbone, with dental work allowing clear identification, were brought to Moscow shortly after the Nazi defeat. The rest of the skeleton was secretly destroyed in 1970 in the East German city of Magdeburg, by order of the Soviet and East German governments.

Hitler shot himself and Braun, whom he had married shortly before, on April 30, 1945, as Soviet troops approached through the ruins of Berlin.

Hitler's body was never shown, though a former Soviet officer claimed recently it had been buried and exhumed several times in Germany before being brought to Moscow in the 1970s.

In another development which underlines the urgency with which Russians are seeking to make money, the Russian Orthodox Church has announced that it intends to go into banking.

The church will link up with the Greek Egnatia bank, and with capital of $30 million (£20.6 million) plans to open 100 branches of the Orthodoxy bank in Moscow, St Petersburg and in a number of Black Sea towns by 1996.

Race riot trial starts in Rostock

FROM REUTER IN ROSTOCK

AT THE first big trial linked to last summer's race riots in Rostock, Germany, an unemployed painter from eastern Berlin charged with attempted murder argued yesterday that he was only an innocent bystander.

Bernd Teuber, 22, denied throwing a petrol bomb at a police officer during five days of rioting that shook the Baltic port city last August. "I didn't throw a Molotov cocktail and I didn't throw any stones," said Herr Teuber, who was handcuffed and tried to hide behind a newspaper from news photographers and television cameras as he was led into the packed courtroom. "I didn't do anything."

German television reported that a court in Neubrandenburg opened a trial yesterday against eight men and a woman charged with attempted murder during similar unrest last year in the town north of Berlin. So far 25 other Rostock riot suspects have been tried in district courts for lesser offences. Rostock prosecutors are preparing at least one more attempted murder case as well as four other major cases.

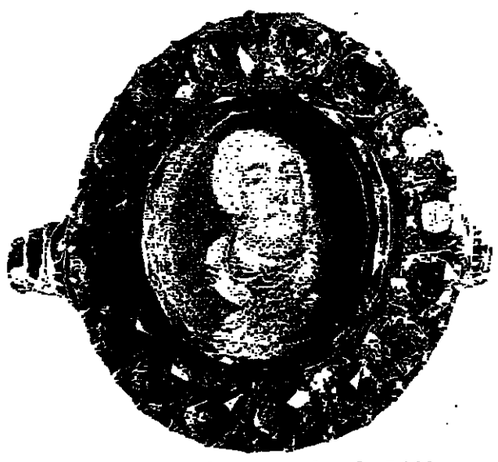
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A fashion near the knuckle



Seal of authority: men have worn rings for 5,000 years

Rings, the bigger the better, have moved from male ears to to male fingers. **Joseph Connolly** reports on the latest in high street cred

Last week I met a large, rather doughy young man called Blaze in a part of Bermondsey, south London, which despite being just a couple of minutes from the Design Museum and Conran's "Gastrodome", didn't feel like it. Blaze's ears were pierced, but no rings hung there; by contrast, his fingers were rock-hard and aglow with eight great signets, each so fat as to force his hands into a permanent splay.

The biggest — whose centre was a 22 carat gold half-sovereign — was a present from his mother and the rest he "just sort of picked up". All were 9 carat gold, and the attention I was paying them caught the eye of a 19-year-old called Mark who sported just four rings, very similar in design. "Four is respect," he said. "Eight ain't."

The subtle shifts of street fashion for men are hard to keep up with — much to the delight of the perpetrators of each successive oddity. Just when you have come to terms with the ubiquity of the backward-facing nylon baseball cap, it has all but vanished; vast-tongued and crazy Michelin-man trainers are no longer dragged through the shopping mall on the ends of balloon-shaped, low-slung, denim-crotched legs; the shellsuit is (almost) an embarrassing memory.

And nowadays rings have moved from earlobes to fingers. Big rings, many rings, *gold* rings, rings which might quite literally knock your eye out. What we are talking about here is rings with *attitude*.

I asked Blaze why he wore eight rings, and he replied because he had eight fingers. Did they symbolise anything? "They symbolise deep *respect* — people look up to you, you know, if they're the real thing. And", he added, bunching his collection into fists, "they back off — you know?"

In a new book — simply entitled *Rings*, and subtitled *Symbols of Wealth, Power and Affection* (well — two out of three ain't bad) — we learn that rings were originally a male adornment over 5,000 years ago, and continued as such long after those of the Roman emperors bore intaglio portraits of themselves, thereby upgrading an expensive ornament into, quite literally, a seal of authority.

Oddly enough, the silhouette of an emperor or some other all-purpose military aggressor is one of the best-selling designs on the streets today — and I have this on no less an authority than Ratners the jewellers.

A walk around London's West End reveals that while the windows of the most up-market jewellers such as Cartier, Mappin & Webb and Garrard are almost devoid of any male jewellery, save watches, the more accessible Ratners, Ernest Jones and H. Samuel are positively awash with it: tie bars, earrings, medallions, identity bracelets and, most plentifully of all, rings.

This confirms a suspicion that while the rings affected by the likes of the Prince of Wales are inherited and those of Ringo Starr and Sir Jimmy Savile commissioned, only the stuff on the street is actually bought — and bought in quite extraordinary quantities, according to the doyenne of high street jewellers, Elizabeth Duke of Argos.

The current Argos catalogue lists tie-tacks, five ear-rings and just two medallions — and getting on for 50 men's rings, ranging from the perennially popular black onyx oval in 9 carat gold at £19.99, up to Blaze's half-sovereign set in a gold octogon and sporting a good deal of rococo filigree at £99.99. This is Argos's all-time bestseller ("Many, many thousands are sold every year," Ms Duke says) and coming up fast on the outside is our emperor on a cameo (a dead ringer for Mussolini) at £38.99.

But it is the *look* that is beyond belief. Referred to by Argos as "designs of distinction for the man of today" and billed up and down the high street as "fashion jewellery", these rings are in fact caught in a timewarp spanning the years between the black market spiv from *Dad's Army* and George Cole's Flash Harry in the St Trinian's films, with a nod in the direction of Del Boy. Diagonal stripes, sunburst "diamonds," bald eagles, lions rampant, heraldic shields, paisley bits, twiddly bits — the Playboy *rabbit* for goodness sake. But newly fashionable it all is, albeit in an extreme and provocative form.

Of course, street fashion is all about overkill — the widest (or tightest) trousers imaginable, the biggest shoes, the peak on the cap that can blind at 20 paces — but all these extremes eventually percolate down into the mainstream, diluted if not on grounds of taste then certainly for practical reasons (Blaze could barely grasp his pint of bitter).

Evidence of the fashion seeping into the older middle classes is apparent in the recent and steady rise in popularity of the male wedding ring, some high street shops calling it the "groom ring" despite *Debrett's Etiquette* being quite firm on the matter: "In England, only the bride receives a wedding ring unless the bridegroom comes from a country in which it is customary for him to receive one too (most of continental Europe, for instance)."

Even the Prince of Wales has come under fire for his signet ring, not because he wears one (it bears the Prince of Wales feathers, and wearing it is therefore his right), but because he wears it on his pinky. Some say this is not done, others that if the heir to the throne does it, it is automatically "done".

Leeway in these matters is clearly on the way: the message is that a man cannot have too many rings on his fingers. Watch this space for news about bells on toes.

● Rings: Symbols of Wealth, Power and Affection *by Diana Scarisbrick is published by Thames & Hudson on March 1 (£32).*

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ADRIAN BROOKS



Rings with attitude: a fistful of rings is good, two fistfuls even better, even if you have difficulty holding your pint

> 'They symbolise deep *respect* — people look up to you, you know, if they're the real thing'

Something in the jeans



SARAH MOWER

Now read this from a jeans company advertisement in the current issue of *i-D* magazine. "Modern children need to solve their own problems: teaching kids to KILL helps them deal directly with reality ... if they never learn to blast the brains out of their neighbours what kind of damn future has this country of ours got?" The visual shows a girl in a pair of cut-off denim shorts posing against a blown-up image of a white youth holding a gun.

Until last week, I'd been too much of a coward to criticise the kind of copy in that advert. It means I'm not cool, *right*? When I phoned the advertising agency who had placed the ad, a spokesman poured detached contempt on me by saying that anyone who had seen the other ads in the series would realise they were ironic, and that they were aimed at "intelligent style leaders and opinion-makers".

> 'We don't need any more clever-dick irony'

OK, so this is my opinion: we don't actually need any more clever-dick irony from the likes of jeans marketing men. Guess? Jeans have done sex, I suppose, so it's a small step to guns if you're a copywriter fixated by the idea that only something more shocking than, say, a very young girl sitting on a sugar daddy's lap, will shift your load of the same old denim, rather than the competition's. Advertising isn't responsible for anything other than selling goods, right? And if you take it literally, you're dumb anyway. When I asked the editor of *i-D* what he thought of the ad, he said: "Er, can I call you back?" and didn't.

Until last week, middle-class people like us have been so afraid of being accused of Whitehousean tendencies that we have let such things pass — or rather, slide onto the heaving moral muckheap accumulating in our own back yards. For the sake of our own equilibrium and dignity, we have looked in the other direction and kidded ourselves that when the time comes, it will just be up to us as individual parents to protect and explain. But can that be enough? Now that everybody has noticed there *is* actually a malaise out there and we're all looking for something or someone to blame, it becomes people like us to look at our own sphere of influence, and start asking questions.

In our household, there's plenty of reason for guilt to come home to roost. I'm in the fashion media, my husband is in the music industry; we have a two-year-old son. People like us preside over and encourage — however distantly — the popular culture that feeds into magazines like this. *i-D* is a magazine about the style and music that kids salvage out of poverty, hopelessness, illiteracy and moral blankness.

Incoherence has always been its stance — a sort of visual parallel to the meaningless eddying of modern urban life. On your local news-stand, it is the bleakest mirror held up to the pop culture of extreme youth you are likely to find.

Until now, prevailing I'm-OK-You're-OK attitudes in the pop culture industries have meant that one habitually looked at raw images from the street as a kind of art that could eventually be rounded off and used to promote a product. If one was shocked or unnerved by what one saw, then it was as well not to admit it for fear of being labelled old or out of touch. *i-D* magazine has been around for a long time, since Punk at least, but has always prided itself on staying on the side of street kids while other style magazines like *The Face* and *Arena* slid inexorably into 1980s gloss.

It seems to me that *i-D* thinks it is a non-judgmental documentary medium that photographs and reports what's going on in the streets without filtering it through any value system. As a sample, this issue includes an interview with the rapper Ice-T, who became notorious for his *Cop Killer* song last year, and a foray into the British rap-influenced skateboard subteen cult which reports that "At times their world feels impenetrable. Insular, suspicious minds react coldly to your approaches."

If the interviewer experiences a frisson of fear — when encountering these ten, 12, 14-year-olds, the result, explicit or not, is to glorify yet another cold, hard society of lost boys. Only if you're a parent do you look at their childish faces and feel despair. If you're a kid, you'd want to *be* one of them.

But let's not be too quick to shoot the messenger. The point is not particularly that magazines like *i-D* should be banned or censored, but that adults should shake up their desensitised moral reflexes and take in what they are showing us. It is a desolate, desolating picture, but it is past the time where people like us can protest that we are powerless to do anything about it.

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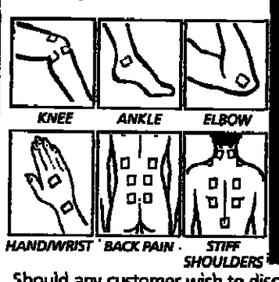


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Monsieur Polge has a beautiful nose. It is elegant, purposeful and refined. He holds it lovingly from time to time between his forefingers, or strokes it while searching for the *mot juste*, as though it were the source of his inspiration.

Monsieur Polge's nose is probably the greatest on earth. At 50 he is scent-maker to Chanel, a position of such eminence that he is known simply as "The Nose". The rest of him might as well be invisible. Karl Lagerfeld, who does for Chanel's fashion what Jacques Polge does for fragrance, is highly visible. But the creator of Coco, and keeper of the formula for Chanel No 5 — who has ever seen him?

Since the fifties, fragrances have been identified with the women who endorse them. Think of Chanel No 5 and you think of Marilyn Monroe, Catherine Deneuve, Ali McGraw. Cristalle conjures up the face of the supermodel Claudia Schiffer. One does not give a thought to M Polge. Yet here he is, with his exquisite nose and sharp brown eyes, and his modesty. "A lot of what makes up the success of a perfume is not the perfume itself," he says, "it is packaging, marketing and so on."

Chanel has produced M Polge in person for the launch of Cristalle as an eau de parfum (it is already an eau de toilette). The launch is a response to a change in fashion in scents, which requires a stronger formula. M Polge learnt scent-making at a college in Grasse in Provence before going to New York in 1968 to a firm making scents to order (only three couture houses have their own Nose — Chanel, Guerlain and Patou).

On his return to Paris, he was invited to work for Chanel. "Chanel has a style," M Polge says. "My role is to make this style come alive and define its identity in perfume, in the same way as Monsieur Lagerfeld does with fashion. Only he can do it several times a year, I do it once in ten years."

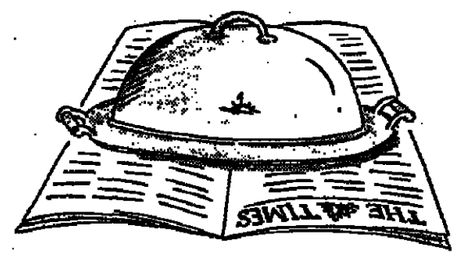
In the eighties, the decade of power dressing, M Polge invented Coco, a mature, baroque scent. For the nineties, with the return of flowery dresses and flowing skirts, M Polge has produced Cristalle eau de parfum, a lighter "green" fragrance.

M. Polge explains the relation of fashion to scent as the relation of body and soul. "Couturiers provide the external clothing, but perfume is the interior clothing. It is a way of prolonging the style of the couturier. Perfume is the invisible dress."

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James Landale and **Stewart Tendler** chart 48 hours in the criminal life of the capital

Mean streets: the face of London '93

AS JOHN Major leads a crusade against crime, *Times* reporters have investigated the impact of persistent, and juvenile, offenders in two areas of inner London. A vivid picture emerges of 48 hours in the life of two police stations and the people who became involved in 102 crimes. Only 16 per cent of these offences are likely to be cleared up.

■ The crime that people living in Kensington, west London, are most likely to experience is burglary (14 cases over the 48 hours); in neighbouring Notting Hill, the chances of being burgled are also high (seven instances over the same period) and cars are vulnerable (23 car break-ins compared with eight in Kensington).

■ Theft from a person, be it mugging or pickpocketing, was evenly spread; seven cases in Notting Hill, six in Kensington. Straightforward theft, stealing a handbag in a pub or shoplifting, was more likely in commercial Kensington; 16 incidents compared with five in Notting Hill.

■ Three cars were stolen during the 48 hours, all in Notting Hill. Juveniles are believed to be responsible for 80 per cent of car crime in the area and 50 per cent of burglaries.

Friday night at London's Notting Hill police station. A tall Victorian building, it is half school, half hospital: all lino and white tile. The cells — four for men, one for women and a detention room — smell more of prison than police. An aroma of old coffee and urine rises from the cigarette butts and blankets in the two-man "drunk room". "We do clean them up from time to time", the duty officer says, "but they soon dirty up again."

Downstairs, the duty officers in the computer aided dispatch (CAD) room scan their screens. Apart from the crackle of the radio, it is quiet. At 6.30pm the cells are empty and the pubs are full.

Ten minutes later, the radios surge into life: "Police officer in need of urgent assistance." No one bothers to ask why as we sprint for the cars. Soon, sirens wailing, four police cars and a van pull up outside a pub near Notting Hill Gate tube station. A scrum of bodies writhes on the pavement. A young skinhead emerges, shouting, from the maul, frogmarched between two policemen. His nose is bleeding. Another dishevelled young man, in jeans and a windcheater, turns out to be the arresting officer. The skinhead is later charged with violent and threatening behaviour and assaulting a police officer.

The concern shown for a fellow officer in danger is heightened by the knowledge that a policeman from Deptford in south London is lying in a hospital bed after being stabbed ten times.

PC Mark Kilgallon, 30, married with two children, almost died three and a half years ago after being stabbed. He ended up with a collapsed lung, a damaged diaphragm and nine months off work. "I thought about leaving the force," he says. "We are well paid but is that worth £17,000 a year?"

PC Kilgallon says the man who attacked him got two and a half years for stabbing him, but four and a half for stabbing a member of the public in the same incident. "I don't know what lesson we learn from that," he says.

PC Kilgallon and Sergeant Mark Pepper, inevitably dubbed the "lonely hearts club band", take us on patrol in their Vauxhall Astra 1.5 GLX. Contrary to popular opinion, none of the cars are souped-up. "They are driven round the clock," Sgt Pepper says. "It is amazing they last."

At 8.40pm we are called to a burglary. A man has taken a woman's bag from her flat. Notting Hill now has its own anti-burglary initiative, but Sgt Pepper is sceptical: "You don't stop it, you just move it on to somebody else's patch. It's all one big game."

Lack of resources is a frequent gripe. Sgt Pepper, 31, married with a daughter, says increasing the number of police on the streets would not help. "We need better equipment," he says. "Then our detection rate will increase." At Notting Hill the CAD room looks like an old-fashioned telephone exchange, where phones are dialled, not pressed. Some of the personal radios worn on the uniform lapel are not compatible with neighbouring forces, making communication even more difficult.

We stop and search a battered transit van, looking out of place in a wealthy Holland Park street. Its three occupants protest, but have no identification and the van is started with a screwdriver, not a key. Nothing is found and they are allowed to go on. PC Kilgallon is convinced they are housebreakers. On returning to my flat in neighbouring Kensington at 2am I find it has been broken into.

Extremes keep police busy

NOTTING HILL

Notting Hill, in west London, is an area of extremes. Its 49,000 inhabitants, who live in some of the most expensive and most run-down streets in the capital, are protected by 220 police officers. In the southern Holland Park end of the Notting Hill police area residents include Richard Branson, Michael Winner and Tony Benn — but little more than a mile north in Ladbroke Grove lies deprivation, a shifting population and severe unemployment.

Famous for its antique market each weekend in Portobello Road, Notting Hill hosts the largest street event in Europe every year with the Caribbean-based carnival. It was also the scene of the first of the modern urban riots in the 1970s when the black community clashed with police. Many people in the north of the area now come from the Mediterranean area.

Colville, one of the northern council wards in the area, had an unemployment rate of 24 per cent last year. This compared with 17 per cent in the whole of inner London.

For Chief Supt Dave Gilbertson and his officers the main problems are burglary, juvenile crime and offences used to fund drug taking. Notting Hill police need at least seven people to run the station in Ladbroke Road around the clock, with a team of 12 officers on duty outside on the streets. The station has six vehicles. Only one, the area car, is always manned by two people. The proportion of patrol officers on foot and in vehicles varies but there tend to be more men on foot during the day.

In one month last year 100 burglars were arrested as part of a special initiative. The area is prey to a group of about 20 skilled residential burglars who are capable of scaling a 70ft drainpipe and ready to use builders' scaffolding. In the past 18 months one burglary yielded £250,000 in paintings and antiques.

About 50 per cent of the burglaries are thought to be the work of juveniles (aged over ten and under 17) and there is a nucleus of hardened young criminals. A list of the top suspects reveals that the leader has been arrested 68 times over two years and may be responsible for 600 crimes. Mr Gilbertson and Det Chief Insp John McSwan, who heads 44 CID officers, blame a justice system which frees offenders on bail, letting them repeat their crimes, and finally deals out weak punishment.

Juveniles are responsible for 80 per cent of car crime in the area and the two officers believe offences could be halved by greater attention to car security. An antique dealer recently had a suit of Persian armour taken from his car. It was worth £180,000.

Below is the police crime log for the area between 2am on Friday, January 29, and 2am the following Sunday:

FRIDAY, January 29:

6.00-15.20: Hazelwood Crescent W10. Burglary, council flat. Two stereos, video recorder, worth £1,300 taken.

9.00: Powis Terrace W11. Mercedes 190E of Liverpool sales director broken into, clothing worth £400 stolen.

12.30-13.40: Kensington Sports Centre. B-reg Renault, window smashed, clothing and radio worth £375 taken.

15.10-15.15: Henry Dickens Court W11. F-reg Transit van. Rear window smashed, video recorder taken.

15.30-17.00: Hazelwood Crescent W10. Burglary. Occupant away.

16.00-20.00: Silchester Estate W10. Window of A-reg Mercedes saloon smashed. Nothing taken.

16.00-23.00: Cambridge Gardens W10. Burglary, basement flat. £350 video recorder.

17.00-21.00: Kendal House W10. Criminal damage to telephone cable.

17.30: Latimer Rd W10. Briefcase stolen at knifepoint on secluded footpath. Property later recovered.

18.15: Chesterton Road W10. G-reg Volvo estate broken into via rear quarterlight. Handbag with £90 cash taken.

18.30: Notting Hill W11. Video exchange shop. Purse, £120 cash and cards taken.

18.40: Near Notting Hill Gate tube. Man arrested outside pub for assaulting policeman.

19.00-20.00: Kensington New Pool W11. Car park. Window of J-reg Rover 216 smashed, boot opened. £300 laptop computer taken.

19.30-20.30: Sutton Estate W10. Estate supervisor's Ford Escort window smashed. Portable phone worth £250 taken.

20.00: Silchester Estate W10. A-reg Mercedes. Owner unemployed. Nothing taken.

20.20: Motor cycle damaged and parts stolen off Kensington Church Street.

20.35: Golborne Road W10. Handbag with £100 cash, and cards, snatched.

20.40: St Charles Square. Man breaks into flat and takes handbag.

21.15: Royal Crescent W11. Handbag snatched from guest at Kensington Hilton.

21.44: Boy charged with breaking into Renault in Lancaster Road and stealing cassette machine.

21.45-22.00: Kensington Church Road W8. Churchill pub, Dutch tourist loses wallet with £225 cash and cards.

21.50: Bag from 20.40 burglary found.

22.25: Sixteen-year-old boy arrested for breaking curfew bail condition.

23.00-23.30: Kensington Hilton W11. Visitor's handbag stolen.

SATURDAY, January 30:

07.00: Portobello Road W10. Tyres slashed on market trader's B-reg Ford Transit sometime from 23.00 Friday.

09.00: Notting Hill Gate W11. £400 blender stolen from restaurant by man claiming to take it for repair.

10.14: Campden Hill Road W8. Window of G-reg VW Passat smashed after 15.30 on Friday. Children's tapes worth £10 taken.

11.00: Barlby Road junction W10. Man carrying shop takings to bank attacked by two men. Money taken. Men escaped to waiting car.

11.00: Lonsdale Road W10. H-reg Vauxhall Astra stolen after 19.00 Friday.

11.00-17.30: Cambridge Gardens W10. Window of C-reg Daihatsu jeep smashed. Wax coat, £180, taken.

11.50-12.00: Golborne Road W10. Briefcase taken from E-reg Ford Sierra as owner loading car.

12.30: Basset Road W11. Spectacles stolen from communal area.

12.30-13.50: North Kensington sports centre. Mountain bike stolen from teacher.

13.00-13.30: Kingsdown Close W10. Window of Y-reg Vauxhall Astra broken. £200 radio taken. Damage, £60.

13.00-15.40: Walmer Road W11. 190D Mercedes window smashed. Handbag taken.

13.05: Portobello Green W11. Wallet stolen from woman shopping.

13.05-15.00: Kingsdown Close W10. Axes stolen from fire engine attending call.

13.15: Latimer Road W10. Car windows smashed by two nine year olds. One caught by victim, second held later.

14.00: Lancaster Road W11. Bonnet of Saab 900 Turbo, broken open.

14.00-15.40: Westbourne Grove W11. Handbag of antique dealer stolen from stall.

15.00-20.30: Campden Hill Road W8. Flat burgled. Antiques worth £3,000 taken.

15.00: Ledbury Road W11. Student's flat broken into.

15.30-15.40: Walmer Road W11. D-reg Mercedes 190D window smashed. Cash etc, worth £150, taken.

18.30: Campden Hill W11. Handbag taken in pub.

20.00-20.45: Oxford Gardens W11. £180 camera taken from house.

20.15: Addison Crescent W8. Basement flat broken into.

20.30-23.45: Thorpe Close W10. H-reg VW Golf window smashed, nothing taken.

21.15: Darfield Way W10. Steering lock taken off X-reg Ford XR3i, hot wired, stolen, abandoned. Damage, £150.

21.35: Tavistock Crescent W10. Handbag snatched by three youths, 16 to 18, from woman approachingpub.

23.10: Portobello Road W11. Suspicious fire at lock up.

SUNDAY, January 31:

00.15: Thorpe Close W10. G-reg Ford Sierra window broken. Purse with cash taken.

00.20: Westbourne Grove W2. Two men arrested trying to make off without paying in restaurant. Claim woman they met in pub offered to pay then vanished. Men released.

Overnight crime reported on Sunday, January 31:

08.00: Ladbroke Square W11. J-reg BMW window smashed, car phone taken, some time since 21.30 Saturday.

09.00: Pembridge Square W2. Hyde Park West hotel. Thief takes £75 from case of Swedish visitor asleep in room. Some time after 22.00.

9.30: Rosemead Road W11. Window of Y-reg VW Golf smashed. Wallet taken. Since 23.00 Saturday.

15.30: Sutton Estate W10. Ford Escort stolen. Since 20.00 Saturday.

22.30: Talbot Road W11. Ford Orion broken into. Since 20.00 Saturday.



Well-heeled targets suffer return visits by the professional thief

A classically desirable address in Kensington, west London, Courtfield Gardens is a mixture of privately-owned flats and bedsits where even a two-bedroomed flat can cost £200,000. It was chosen at random for *The Times* survey in which we visited numbers 1-39 in the square (at two there was no reply) to ask about their experience of crime (James Landale writes).

In the 12 apartment blocks in our picture above (Numbers 1 to 12), we traced eight break-ins, all but one of them in the past year. The total number of burglaries, or attempted burglaries, in the 26 occupied blocks of flats, hostels and hotels in numbers 1 to 39, was 18, most of them in the past year. Of the eight buildings which had not been burgled, six were hotels or hostels with staff on duty around the clock.

Most of the burglaries appeared to have been by professional thieves; only one was a quick snatch and grab raid. The robbers forced doors, often during daylight, and knew what to go for. As well as the usual items — CD players, jewellery, TV sets and videos — expensive clothes were taken. Very little of the property has been recovered.

In several cases the same flats were repeatedly broken into. The only burglary of a hotel involved attempted entry of the accountant's office. Some of the break-ins were at penthouses. Since the burglaries, security in all the buildings has been tightened.

Some suffer more than most. At the PM club, a hostel for young people in the catering business, there have been four break-ins in the last five months. On February 9, £600 was taken from a dormitory after burglars climbed scaffolding at the back of the building. Five days earlier a burglar was scared off by a sheep dog. In November last year, a mentally disturbed man broke into the kitchen but nothing was taken. Most extraordinarily, in October last year a burglar who tried to steal a large cassette recorder from the hostel's gym was stopped as he was leaving and loot from two other break-ins in the street was discovered in his bag.

An area of rich pickings

KENSINGTON

Kensington police station in Earls Court Road, west London, covers one of the most transient populations in the city and some of the finest town houses. Within its borders the Earls Court exhibition centre is the national home for many shows, Kensington High Street is a main shopping centre and the area includes 50 diplomatic offices or residences and many hotels.

The station musters 171 officers to police a population of 43,000 including the residents of The Boltons, a sweep of elegant houses, blocks of service flats, mansion flats and streets of terraced houses converted into multi-occupancy. The police division includes the Iraqi, Israeli and Russian embassies and the London headquarters of three national companies.

A sizeable homosexual community centres on the Colehern public house, close to Earls Court. This area, famous as a home for a shifting Australian population, is now often the temporary home of other foreign visitors.

At any one time, there will be a minimum of ten policemen on the streets of Kensington, rising to a maximum of 36, with five vehicles available for patrolling. There are few resident suspected criminals and therefore few that Chief Superintendent Peter Rice's CID team of 21 officers can target. The criminals home in on areas such as the exhibition centre where petty crime is rife. After a recent trade show there were 11 reported crimes.

The key problem for police is burglaries, especially in the multi-occupancy houses where criminals go from flat to flat. Small hotels are also the targets for theft. An Arab lost jewellery worth £90,000 from his bedside table.

Below is the police crime log for the area between 2am on Friday, January 29, and 2am the following Sunday:

FRIDAY, January 29:

02.40: Earls Court Road SW5. Kebab shop. £50 from male porter, 28, as he paid for food, by young male who snatched cash.

07.40-18.00: Cathcart Road SW10. Video worth £200 stolen from basement flat.

07.50-17.15: Ifield Road SW10. Video and £440 silver bowl stolen. £200 damage to teacher's basement flat.

10.00-14.15: Courtfield Road SW7. Three flats burgled. £400 video recorder, £50 cash and jewellery stolen. Two other empty flats entered.

10.10: Collingham Gardens SW5. Unoccupied top floor flat broken in to via windows from roof.

10.30-18.30: Holland Road W14. Camera and CD player worth £1,350 stolen from ground floor flat owned by baker's assistant, 23. Entry via window.

11.00-15.30: Redcliffe Gardens SW10. First floor flat front door damaged, £100.

11.00-18.20: Redcliffe Gardens SW10. 'Clothing, Walkman, vanity case and others worth £500 stolen from flat rented by student.

13.00-18.00: Kensington High Street . Handbag with £250 stolen in clothes shop from Japanese woman.

14.30-14.45: Kensington High Street. Underground parade W8. Two female shoplifters, aged 19, with baby in pram stole 11 pairs silk boxers, worth £175.

14.30-16.10: Redcliffe Road SW10. £800 mobile phone stolen from H-reg Jaguar saloon.

16.00: Kensington Road W8. £800 travellers cheques, £50 cash and SwFr400 stolen from Chelsea student's bag on a bus.

16.00: Earls Court W10. Outside Kensington police station. Criminal damage to taxi after dispute between cabbie and driver of Renault 5.

16.30-16.50: Earls Court Exhibition Centre. Mobile phone, worth £300, taken.

16.30-12.00: Astwood Mews SW7. Walkman, credit cards and address book stolen from first floor flat, via window.

16.50-17.00: Earls Court Exhibition Centre. Stand at amusement exhibition. Mobile phone, worth £250, stolen.

17.00-09.00: Emperors Gate SW7. £100, shoulder bag, kneeling pad and bible stolen from car, which might have been left with rear door unlocked.

17.00-17.10: Earls Court Exhibition Centre. £200 mobile phone taken from toy stand.

17.45-23.10: Phillimore Walk W8. £75 damage to window of H-reg black BMW owned by restaurant manageress. Radio cassette stolen, dropped nearby, then crushed by passing car.

17.47: Thistle Grove SW10. Handbag, credit cards and £25 cash from house. Occupant thought noise was partner returning. When did not appear, found burglary. Male seen making off down road.

19.00-20.30: Earls Court Road SW5. Night club. Handbag worth £60 stolen from occupational therapist.

19.15-19.30: Gloucester Road SW5. Passport, purse and cash, worth £500 stolen from tourist, in restaurant.

19.30-22.00: Hogarth Place SW5. Kings Head pub. Case and bag worth £200 stolen.

08.00: Earls Court Road SW5. Public house. Handbag worth £90 taken.

21.45: Fulham Road wine bar SW10. Actual bodily harm. Drunk male solicitorin fight with woman. Arrested later for another offence. Bailed till Feb 18.

22.30-23.20: Gloucester Road SW7. Hereford Arms pub. Handbag worth £30 stolen.

SATURDAY, January 30:

01.00: Courtfield Gardens SW5. TV, Hi-fi and wine worth £1,340 stolen since 07.30 on Friday from basement flat . Front door smashed in and second flat also entered.

01.30-07.45: Earls Court Square SW5. Hotel. Three air tickets and £1,280 travellers cheques taken from room.

02.00: Vicarage Gate W8. Tall slim man, 35, runs from taxi without paying £13 fare.

02.45: Gloucester Road SW7. Male, 24, arrested after breaking into off-licence, stealing £150 alcohol.

04.10: Ifield Road SW10. £300 car stereo, stolen and £60 window damage to H-reg black BMW .

05.30: Earls Court SW5. Attempted burglary; student, 19, disturbed and suspect fled.

07.00: Earls Court youth hostel SW10. £1,000 cash stolen from Columbian, 23, sometime from 21.30 Friday.

07.20: Earls Court Exhibition Centre. Toys worth £50 taken from west London company sometime from 16.00 Friday.

10.00-10.30: Australian tourist reports camera stolen.

11.50: Kensington High Street. W8. Restaurant. Handbag worth £30 stolen from student.

13.10 to 13.20: Earls Court Exhibition Centre. £300 mobile phone stolen.

13.29: Cranley Gardens SW7. Attempted burglary at flat; suspects fled when challenged.

13.30: Kensington High Street. W8. Record shop. Tapes worth £50 taken. Two arrested, later released with caution.

14.10: Collingham Road SW5. Tyre of blue A-reg Vauxhall Cavalier slashed sometime overnight.

15.00-16.00: Kensington High Street. G-reg Honda motorcycle stolen .

15.45-15.48: Kensington High Street. W8. Shop. Purse stolen.

17.10: Kensington High Street W8. Shoe shop. £70 handbag stolen as woman tried on shoes.

19.15-22.30: Cromwell Road SW5. Alarm clock, clothes and £37 video tape stolen from hotel.

19.30-22.30: Cornwall Gardens SW7. Radio cassette and mobile phone worth £1,500 stolen and £180 window damage to H-reg white Mercedes.

10.30: Earls Court Exhibition Centre. Bag stolen from organiser's office since 19.35 Friday.

19.35: Collingham Road SW5. Would-be male burglar arrested.

20.15: Eldon Road W8. Attempted burglary; suspect made off after disturbing couple in their forties.

20.30-21.00: Fulham Road SW10. Restaurant. Handbag worth £225 stolen.

Overnight crime reported Sunday, January 31:

08.00: Nevern Road SW5. Car lock forced, since 16.00 Saturday.

08.45: Sunday London Regional Transport car park Eagle Place SW7. £489 radio cassette stolen, £200 window damage to G-reg grey BMW. Sometime after 17.00 on Saturday.

10.30: Lexham Mews W8. £90 security night stick stolen and £150 window damage to B-reg green Range Rover. Sometime since 18.00 Saturday.

Alan Coren



■ For an imaginative child I had a pretty good war, full of voluptuous thighs

In my younger days, you would not have found me in a Kremlin wardrobe. You would have found me in a Baluchistan go-down, the hawk-eyed face above my jellaba varnished with Cherry Blossom and a covert Webley hanging between my legs on a thin thong; this being one of the big pluses of Baluchi couture, if you were a secret agent. In order to find me there, mind, you would have had to look into my daydreams, even as I was looking out of them towards the playground where the sixth-form girls were locked in netball; this being one of the big pluses of state co-education, if you were a daydreamer. For while your major preoccupation was thwarting an international conspiracy, your minor one was, invariably negotiating an international seductress with voluptuous thighs, and how could you assess what you were up against unless you knew what a voluptuous thigh looked like? God knows how public schoolboys coped. I suppose their daydreams involved a lock-forward with Mata Hari's face, which may go some way towards explaining almost anything.

I did not work in Baluchistan for long. By the time I was 12, Buchan had yielded to the cinema, which regularly dropped me into occupied France. This improved the daydreams no end: I didn't have to black up or wear a sheet, I had a terrific little radio in a suitcase, I got to blow up all kinds of stuff, viaducts, factories, Gestapo HQs, and I could graduate from a Webley to a Sten, which enabled me to mow down whole platoons. There were, however, no voluptuous thighs; they did not have these in France. That is because, in France, the girls were on your side, and wore sensible skirts; the closest they ever came to seduction was when you were hiding in a haycart and the Germans wanted to poke bayonets into it, whereupon the girls would cycle up and ask the Germans what time they got off duty. This distraction was good news for you but bad news for the Germans, because when they did get off duty and went to meet the girls on the off chance that the sensible skirts concealed voluptuous thighs, the girls shot them, because they had Sten guns, too.

I had a pretty good Cold War, after that, I was an imaginative child, even at 30, and as I had by then taken up a writing career, the opportunities for staring out of the window had increased enormously. The daydreams, moreover, could now be offered polarised stances: on the one hand, I got to drive an Aston-Martin, subsist on dry Martini and run up a tally of voluptuous thighs which left Busby Berkeley at the post; while, on the other, I could throw myself into the cold — clapped-out, bitter, thighless, and thus in a wonderful position to luxuriate, like Hamlet, in that egocentric cynicism granted only to those lucky few for whom all is for the worst in the worst of all possible worlds.

Nor, I happily believed, was there any reason why this enjoyable woolgathering need ever end. When the time came, I would dream myself into George Smiley, half-owl, half-fox, superannuated perhaps from gun and thigh alike but nevertheless a force still to be reckoned and identified with, should Ivan wax terrible. There, indeed, was the crux of it; for, more than anything else, it was always the frightfulness of the adversary which made the game worth the candle. Which brings me, at last, to Yevgeni Glubkov.

Major Glubkov of the KGB has done what four decades of adversarial precedent never could; he has driven me out of the service. Five years the bodyguard of Mikhail Gorbachev, Glubkov last week went public. He spilt his beans. He did not defect to spill them, because a Russian doesn't need to any more, he went to the papers; but he spilt only one or two, as *bonne bouche* for his forthcoming book. Did you read what he spilt? It seems he had his ear to the Gorbachevs' bedroom wall when Raisa told Mikhail to change his socks, because they didn't match his tie. Mikhail didn't want to change his socks, because that would mean keeping Margaret Thatcher waiting. But that was exactly what Raisa wanted, because she suspected Mikhail of toying with the idea of voluptuous thighs. Mikhail changed his socks. The rest is history.

But is it such stuff as dreams are made on? If this is what the KGB has become, and if these are its state secrets, I say the hell with it.



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Brainwashed by hysteria

Building borstals that cost more to run than Eton is no cure for youth crime and will turn petty crooks into villains

Simon Jenkins

So Britain is in a state of moral crisis. Juvenile crime is out of control. Young people no longer know the difference between right and wrong. Parliament must give them a short, sharp shock, or at least the benefit of another Criminal Justice Act.

Such regular onsets of national moralising tend to have me packing my bags and heading for the hills. The sanest politicians go mad. Otherwise liberal souls are forced into a Cultural Revolution: they must walk the streets in dunce's caps, salivating prejudice, vomiting statistics, abusing history and talking arrant nonsense. As for the media, to hear it pontificating on moral standards has me flat on the carpet and gasping for air. Narrow is the no man's land between us mortals and the beasts of the jungle.

Two weeks ago there was a tragic case of child murder in Liverpool. As with the Dennis Nilsen and Mary Bell murders, the British public — or its spokesmen — appears unable to accept these incidents as exceptional. They must be extrapolated and projected onto a vast ethical screen before which public figures can prance and vie with each other in damnatory language. Even Labour's normally sensible Tony Blair has this week felt obliged to indulge in a Dutch auction of synthetic toughness.

I hoped the prime minister might stay aloof. But no. What can have possessed him to respond to the Bulger case by remarking on Sunday, "We should condemn a little more, understand a little less"? What lesson in clear-thinking does that teach the young as they struggle with his new curriculum? Does he want them to react that way to every tough political question: more knee-jerk less thought? To Maastricht perhaps?

The media has now had a week of slavering over every detail of the Liverpool murder. The killing of children by children is rare but it does happen most months somewhere in Britain, to be reported only in the local press. Usually the cause is an accident during bullying or even just play, a victim becoming hysterical and the attacker panicking. To point this out is not to excuse a crime, as John Major implied, but neither is it a comment on "all children these days" or on "society as a whole". It is just very sad for those involved. Are we really so primitive that we cannot treat these exceptions as such, but must summon the home secretary, Kenneth Clarke, and lecture him on the virtues of the birch, the gallows, castration and the dungeon?

There is no evidence of some new juvenile crime wave in Britain. There is merely a mass of assertion based on anecdote. A small medal for courage against the forces of darkness should go to the Tory MP, Sir John Wheeler, for daring last Saturday to question a set of crime figures (on rapes since 1945) fit only for the dustbin, shrieked at him by an innumerate BBC interviewer. Sir John kept asking the man to calm down. The interviewer hyperventilated and screamed, "But the figures must be true: they're in the *Daily Mail*." So low has the Corporation sunk!

The Home Office recently announced that between 1985 and 1991 the number of males under-18 cautioned or convicted of an offence in England and Wales fell from 219,000 to 149,000. "Known offenders" under the age of 14 fell by 43 per cent. Only half of these falls were attributable to the fall in the size of the age group. Most readers brainwashed by the past week's news will assume that I have just said water flows uphill. It has not. ("Reported crime" may have gone up but, as readers of this column know, such crime has no statistical relevance to real crime measuring only a small part of it.)

Had these figures shown a rise in the criminal population they would have been headlined without qualification. Yet they showed a fall. They were therefore qualified to the point of dismissal: the police must be cautioning less; they are fed up with soft magistrates; the figures ignore persistent offenders. They could not be right because they did not conform to the preconception. They suggested that there might be no crisis. And for most adults the idea that British youth is not passing through a constant "moral crisis" is psychologically intolerable.

Perhaps I suffer from inverted prejudice, but I find the moral self-righteousness of age even worse than the bumptious iconoclasm of youth. Each generation seeks to excuse its own inadequacy by claiming that the next is less caring, less intelligent, more ugly, more criminal. Evidence to the contrary must be faulty. This daftness only becomes pernicious when it turns to false policy. Every three or four years, weak home secretaries come up with some new idea for "getting tough with the young". As a result Britain incarcerates more young people than any other country in Europe. It is the one area of spending which the Treasury does not validate by any test of performance. The most active Home Office unit must be the one entitled "Crazy ideas for appeasing hangers and floggers".

Thus we have had borstals and approved schools. We have had young offenders' institutions and short sharp shock camps. We have had secure homes. All share two characteristics: they are fantastically expensive, £2,000 a week in some cases, and every study shows them to be worse than useless. Lord Whitelaw's "short sharp shock" institutions, which won him a Tory conference ovation in 1979, lasted barely five years. Apart from the millions that ovation cost the taxpayer, the additional thefts by graduates of his academies must have cost their victims billions. (Since this was predicted at the time somebody should sue the Home Office.)

I am wary of generalisation but experience suggests that the more costly the punishment of a given type of offender, the higher the likelihood of reoffence. Roughly 20-30 per cent of young people reoffend following a police caution; 50-60 per cent following community orders of various sorts; and 80-90 per cent following imprisonment. Prisons propagate crime (see Roger Graef's new book *Living Dangerously*). Criminal training is one of the few triumphs of state education. Mr Clarke's promised borstals will cost more than Eton, and few of his graduates will fail in their chosen careers. For the taxpayer, the deal is an appalling one.

One of the reasons given for the recent fall in the number of juvenile offenders is the refusal by magistrates to send so many to prison. The most cost-effective way of countering teenage crime appears to be preventative social work in the community and probation and through voluntary institutions and specialised fostering. A handful of persistent young offenders may slip through the net — every police force has its rogue's gallery — and the Criminal Justice Act may need tightening accordingly. But a sensible policy seems to have been coming good in lower reoffending.

These remedies are now being cut back, cynics might say because they are not run by Whitehall and ministers cannot claim credit for them. Localism is out of fashion. Nationalisation is back. When the home secretary wants to build more prisons, in this case reviving the failed borstals, there is money galore. His remedy is both the most expensive and the least effective.

There are no cures for crime, least of all crime committed by underemployed and bored children. We might make it less easy. By leaving our most treasured movable possession, our car, unguarded in the street we offer youths a temptation offered to few of their parents. This temptation accounts for 80 per cent of all crime. "In the good old days" there was simply not so much to steal. Whether there were more or fewer putative thieves is an unanswerable question.

Criminality is still abnormal in Britain. Robust, confident communities learn to understand and encompass such abnormality, not greet it with howls of impotence. An elected leader's duty is to counsel a sense of proportion. In most parts of the country this should not be a Herculean task. But the necessary discipline must come from supporting and promoting links between families, schools and neighbourhoods and the police, probation and remedial institutions. Relying on the central state as formal agent of teenage discipline is, bluntly, communist. Imprisoning every petty thief or reckless youngster is an admission of defeat.

Putting young people in prison clearly exaggerates the genetic or environmental factors that turn them to crime. It converts small-time miscreants into villains. Prison institutionalises them and invites their challenge. Mr Major and Mr Clarke are apparently ready to take that risk. They will grant the public its retribution on the young. If the result is more criminals, too bad.

Lawyers, libel and liberty

Anthony Lewis on a landmark for free speech

It is of the highest public importance that a democratically elected governmental body, or indeed any governmental body, should be open to uninhibited public criticism." The quotation might come from a decision of the United States Supreme Court protecting freedom of speech, or of the press, under the First Amendment to the American Constitution. In fact it was made by Lord Keith of Kinkel in his judgment, announced last Thursday, in the libel case of *Derbyshire County Council v Times Newspapers*.

The Lords held that local authorities or government departments may not bring actions for libel, even if their critics make mistakes. As a point of law, it was a striking decision. But there is a far greater radiating potential in the judgment. In emphasising the public interest in freedom of critical speech, the Law Lords seemed to me to take a significant step toward the American view of free speech — bridging a gap that has long existed between our two cultures.

The difference was defined in 1798 by James Madison, the author of the First Amendment. That year the Federalist Party, which controlled Congress and the presidency, pushed through a Sedition Act on the model of the English seditious libel law making it a crime to publish false critical comments about the president or Congress. The intention of the Federalists was to silence opposition newspapers, supporters of Vice President Thomas Jefferson, in the run-up to the presidential election of 1800.

Madison said the Sedition Act violated the First Amendment "because it is levelled against the right of freely examining public characters and measures". The new American republic, he said, was "altogether different" from Britain in its theory of government. In Britain, the crown was sovereign and the people were subjects. In America, "the people, not the government, possess the absolute sovereignty". It followed that the people must be able to criticise those whom they chose as their temporary governors.

The constitutionality of the Sedition Act was never decided. But the Jeffersonians denounced it in the campaign of 1800, and they won. Jefferson was elected president, the Federalist Party faded away and the United States was on its course of free speech.

In the 1920s a famously corrupt mayor of Chicago, William Hale Thompson, tried to silence his critics by having the city sue *The Chicago Tribune* for libel. The Illinois Supreme Court threw the suit out, saying "libel on government" had no place "in the American system of jurisprudence".

In 1964 came the defining libel decision in the US Supreme Court, *New York Times v Sullivan*. Alabama officials had sued the *New York Times* over an advertisement criticising officials in the south for using brutal tactics against the civil rights movement. Justice William J. Brennan Jnr agreed with Madison that it was unconstitutional. The First Amendment, he said, established the principle that "debate on public issues should be uninhibited."

Fear of libel damage awards would chill "the citizen-critic of government" if he were required "to guarantee the truth of all his factual assertions," Justice Brennan said. Accordingly, the court held that a public official (later "public figures") could recover libel damages only by proving that someone had made a false statement about him knowingly or recklessly. Lord Keith, in the *Derbyshire* case, used the same adjective as Justice Brennan, "uninhibited". He cited the Chicago case and *New York Times v Sullivan*, and warned against "the chilling effect" of the threat of libel actions.

All that represented a different judicial attitude — a different culture — from the one that informed major House of Lords decisions on issues of free speech and a free press over the last 20 years. In the thalidomide case, for example, the Lords held that a *Sunday Times* investigation of the causes and consequences of a drug tragedy would be contempt of court if published — because the public interest in knowing the facts must yield to orderly judicial procedure. In the *Spycatcher* case they paid such deference to official secrecy that they kept the British public from reading what the rest of the world knew.

In the *Derbyshire* case Britain's highest court for the first time saw free speech about public matters as a dominant interest, one that must prevail even over a substantial claim of damage to reputations. The court understood that in a democratic society newspapers must be allowed to make mistakes without the fear that will silence them. For the first time in an important modern case the press vindicated the right to publish without having to go to the European Court of Human Rights.

Of course there remain many uniquely English restraints on freedom to speak and publish. When a British politician brings a libel action, the defendant still has the burden of proving truth — which can be difficult, Lord Keith noted, even when the challenged statement is in fact true. The law of confidence and contempt, the Official Secrets Act, the readiness of judges to issue injunctions against publication, all these are alien to American law. But the *Derbyshire* decision gives hope to those who believe in freedom.

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Look back on anger

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, has spoken out. John Major and Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, have condemned violence as one. But one elder statesman has seen it all before.

On October 20, 1974, the then shadow home secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, told the Birmingham Conservative Association that "problem children" were being born to poor mothers, who were the "least fitted to bring children into the world and bring them up". He went on to provoke liberal fury by encouraging the extension of birth control to these mothers, saying that it was the "lesser evil ... The worship of instinct, of spontaneity, the reflection of self-discipline, is not progress — it is degeneration."

Nineteen years on, Lord Joseph is convalescing in hospital after a minor stroke and unable to update his remarks. But he will be relieved to hear that Frank Field, Labour MP for Birkenhead who, as director of the Child Poverty Action Group in 1974, attacked Joseph's speech as "bearing all the hallmarks of whipping up a campaign against the poor", has mellowed. "Because I know him now I would not denounce him as I did then," Field says. "He has a gift for asking awkward questions that few people have these days."

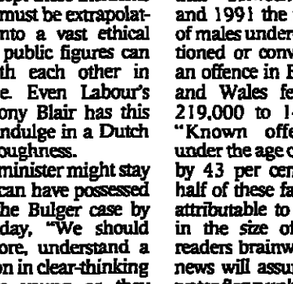
Aside from Field, who believes that it "does matter that most children do not know who their fathers are", Joseph has some loyal fans. Mary Whitehouse, whom Joseph described in his 1974 speech as "that admirable woman", says the "reacceptance of basic Christian values" points the way forward. "A lot of what Keith Joseph said has come true. He was something of a prophet in that sense. But like most prophets he was not listened to by his own generation."

Screen Test

GRAHAM Gooch, whose team yesterday distinguished itself by losing the Test series against India 3-0, will soon be slinking back to England. But what a different story it was 56 years ago when Gubby Allen returned home from his unsuccessful tour of Australia.

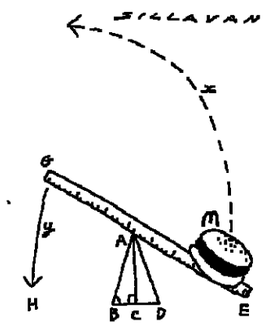
Just how different should become apparent next week when an album of Allen's photographs is auctioned. The album, to be auctioned by Dreweatt Neate, reveals a different class of cricketer altogether, with Allen greeted by armfuls of Hollywood's major stars. The photographs, from March 1937, show Allen in a variety of exotic locations. One, on Paramount Studios' set of *The Blue Angel*, shows Allen standing next to Marlene Dietrich and Herbert Marshall. Another shows a golfing Allen with Basil Rathbone, Raymond Massey, Nigel Bruce and David Niven at the "Riviera Country Club". Certainly beats *Question of Sport*.

● *All the latest in designer clothing, polo shirts, tracks suits, T-shirts and sweatshirts are on their way from Strathclyde regional council to children in Bosnia. There is only one snag. The clothes are counterfeit. They are the fruits of a series of raids by trading standards officials on warehouses in Glasgow and East Kilbride. The council won a court case enabling it to donate the illegal but fake copies to the Children in Need Bosnian charity.*



Dough levels

THE battle of the burger has moved from the high street to the classroom. Following the news that the hamburger chain Burger King is to open the Burger King Academy in London's East End comes word that McDonald's, its biggest competitor, is to launch a teaching package for 14 to 16-year-olds.



The packs, for teenagers studying GCSE science and technology subjects, include exercises for children and notes for teachers. As well as "data sheets" there are practical exercises for the students. All the exercises are written by teachers and involve an aspect of the hamburger business.

One shows the production process of "French fries"; another encourages children to conduct their own research into the hamburger market. Cramming will never be the same again.

Trade booster

DIGSWELL, the cartoon dog from outer space, met Tarzan from the Board of Trade yesterday to receive a pat on the head for boosting British exports. With licensing deals for Digswell, created by the Midlands-based Storm Group, topping £5 million in the United States the dog is a rare success story for industry. Michael Heseltine met the soft toy version of the pooch, who became the first animated character to be launched into space last year, at the DTI offices in Birmingham.

Dog-loving Heseltine, who took time off from launching a European business initiative in Birmingham, was impressed. "Did he really go up in space?. He looks very healthy for it," he said — just a touch wistfully?

Classical gas

THE dash for gas may cost Britain its coal industry, but it's doing great things for the nation's contemporary music. The London Festival Orchestra, whose summer tour has been sponsored by British Gas for the last eight years, is to play a specially commissioned work by the composer John Tavener at a world premiere in St Paul's Cathedral in May. The piece, *Hymns of Paradise*, will open the LFO's summer festival of music in cathedrals, *Cathedral Classics*.

Ross Pople, the LFO director, who commissioned the work, says: "Tavener knows exactly what he wants to write, and how he wants it to sound." Tavener, who is still only 49, has produced a vast body of work including *The Protecting Veil*, which last year did for him what the third symphony has done more recently for Henryk Górecki.

The Very Rev Eric Evans, Dean of St Paul's, hopes that British Gas will prosper sufficiently to continue its sponsorship. "All the fuss over the coal mines makes us rather schizophrenic, as we want British Gas to do well, and we wish no diminution to its profits."

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PRESENT IMPERFECT

Myths of national decline disguise the real political agenda

To cry *O tempora, O mores* is to voice an ancient instinct. Every age perceives decline, degeneracy and moral entropy, and harks back to an idealised golden era of manners and prosperity. Although its roots are different, the moral panic besetting the nation in 1993 is no different in spirit to the outrage of Cicero or the strictures of Gibbon.

Today the nostalgia industry is fortified as never before by the indulgence of the mass media and the poverty of memory. Since the tragic death of two-year-old James Bulger a week and a half ago, the flow of jeremiads has been steady. A Gallup poll of 1,000 adults published this week claimed that almost half of all Britons would like to emigrate, so great is their disenchantment with the nation. Most seemed to think that standards had been markedly higher 20-30 years ago.

It is, perhaps, uncharitable to look too closely at the years between 1963 and 1973 cited as so halcyon in the Gallup survey. In education, this was the high season of the Plowden Report, of dubious doctrine in the classroom and anti-competitive teaching. Race relations were tainted by the resurgence of Mosleyism. More than 60 per cent of the 1993 sample believed that the politicians of the 1960s were "moderate and sensible" compared to today's lacklustre shower. How quickly the Profumo affair and Enoch Powell's "Rivers of Blood" speech have slipped from the collective memory. And how cavalier the dismissal of social gains since 1963 such as the radical improvements in equal opportunities for women. If there is such a thing as a popular mood, it is brazenly economical with the truth.

Today we are staring at a predictable fixture in *fin de siècle* life. The 1890s had epidemic syphilis, deep racial insecurity (symbolised by Gordon's defeat at Khartoum in 1885) and unemployment, described as such for the first time. The 1990s have Aids, persistent young offenders, and still find grim use for the term unemployment. Though Britannia wears her own distinctive sackcloth and ashes, pessimism has become almost *communautaire*. For every poll revealing British gloom there is another to show that Gallic *morosité* and German *Angst* are yet more pronounced. Those Britons who seek solace in other lands may find themselves no better off; for moral panic respects no national boundaries.

The doom-mongers of '93, stirred by the deeper fear of the millennium, tread the same fearful territory as William Booth, whose *In Darkest England* was published 103 years ago, and Conrad, who wrote of England as "one of the dark places of the world". As the century careers towards the buffers, there is a fear that all will be called to account and found wanting. What the critic Frank Kermode has called "the sense of an ending" pervades contemporary Western culture, as it has many times before.

The lessons of history can be a consolation at a time of moral instability, therefore. Each generation must accept that its self-loathing is perfectly commonplace. Each must also, however, examine the uncomfortable detail of its malaise and ask what makes each *annus horribilis* distinctive, how its anguish differs from that of the past, and what lessons it can draw.

Certainly, the mood of British optimism which characterised the boom years of the 1980s has faded faster than its architects ever dreaded. Aspirations awoken by the liberalising policies of the Thatcher decade were quickly frustrated by recession, political incompetence and popular impatience with slothful reform. The hubris of the Lawson boom still awaits its nemesis.

Underpinning the current burst of panic is a fear that the traditional institutions of authority face extinction. Last week's General Synod meeting paraded fissures in the Church which if anything seem deeper than they were last November when the assembly approved the ordination of women priests. Fear of youthful lawlessness has forced the government to suspend the penal philosophy of the Criminal Justice Act and introduce new detention centres for persistent young offenders — which will take them off the streets but may also strengthen their determination to reoffend. The institution of the family is more ramshackle than ever, in spite of Margaret Thatcher's efforts to make it the heart of her philosophy. And an education system which unashamedly teaches right and wrong still seems a distant prospect.

Church, law, family, education: each pillar has its own rottenness. Each totters in the face of surging anti-authoritarianism and failing deference. Teenagers were told to be self-reliant in 1983. But the government did less to break their dependence on the state than it pretended to. The genuine widening of opportunity, liberation of the individual and unleashing of enterprise which have won the Conservatives four successive elections mean little to a listless underclass of joyriders, single parents and homeless people.

Some political observers predict the coming of a new Leviathan to plug this gap in authority. But there are more immediate political strategies for the government to adopt in the face of moral alarm. In his Carlton Club speech this month the prime minister sought a nation "at ease with itself" and declared himself opposed to the division of the country into those who enjoy improving living standards and those who wallow in long-term unemployment, crime and misery. That affirmation must be the basis of much more.

Making welfare conditional upon participation in work schemes is not an aim that should be discarded after one day's bad publicity. Mr Major's interest in workfare suggested a proper determination to translate his belief in "the cohesion of society" into policy. This is the necesary corollary of his promise last weekend to "condemn [criminals] a little more, understand a little less".

The prime minister is not a convincing authoritarian. Where the government could begin to make a difference is to show some true authority — some sense that its actions are tempered by humility, integrity, and a purpose beyond a desire to hold power. Instead, however, we see continuing signs of shift and drift. This week's examples include the blaming of the Tory party chairman, Norman Fowler, for the alleged collusion of the Home Office with Republican party officials to undermine Bill Clinton's presidential campaign. To have left the resolution of this affair until the day of Mr Major's American trip is incompetent. To claim that it was all the party chairman's fault is less than statesmanlike.

To promote that which is best in his government and preserve that which is best in the nation, the prime minister must above all respect the etiquette which binds them together. His mounting disdain for Parliament — evident in the curtailment of Monday night's debate on the Maastricht treaty — suggests that he has not yet learnt this lesson. But these are the first political building blocks of the long reconstruction he must undertake. To borrow Wordsworth's phrase, the nation now longs for a past unsighed for and a future sure.

STEEL CURTAIN

Western Europe must not lock out eastern steel

European industry ministers meet tomorrow to address the worst crisis the European steel industry has faced since the second world war. Instead of curbing subsidies, identifying the plants that have to be closed down and producing a strict timetable for reform, they are likely to settle for a still sketchy plan of action drawn up by the European Commission.

This is not enough. The capacity cuts put forward by the Commission are almost certain to discriminate against relatively efficient producers, like British Steel, and to prop up chronic loss makers in Italy. Closing down a steel plant is a highly sensitive political decision and it is thus the politicians, rather than the industrialists, who will have their hands on the knife. British Steel may have has cut its workforce from 250,000 in the 1970s to just 42,000 today, but that is is unlikely to weigh heavily with the other European producer states.

Most disturbing of all is the clear trend towards protecting the west European market from east European steel imports. The chief area of agreement between the European Commission and the European steel barons is that serious curbs should be placed on the steel coming from Poland, the Czech and Slovak republics, and Hungary. Whether or not the new barriers are erected by limiting quantities or fixing minimum prices, a new iron curtain is to be built.

A more short-sighted approach could hardly be imagined. Central European imports make up barely 3 per cent of the total European community steel market. The eastern industries benefit from cheap labour, undervalued currencies and the lack of domestic demand. Unlike west European steel concerns they have been embarking on serious and difficult reforms. Steel output in eastern Europe has fallen by a half and employment by a third since the 1989 revolutions. Such restructuring should be encouraged by the West. Instead, as the eastern producers scramble to replace the defunct Soviet market and they struggle with privatisation, the West puts up fresh barriers.

The European Community Association agreements signed with Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary were supposed to liberalise the steel trade. Barely a year later, the Community has shown itself to be without vision or resolve. The central Europeans know that what is happening to steel now could equally well happen to electronics or other sophisticated imports in the future.

It is scarcely in the long-term interests of the West to freeze the East out of its market. Sooner or later mass unemployment will destabilise the new democracies. Anti-European voices can be heard in all the central European parliaments. And it is to the West that the unemployed steel workers of central Europe will march in search of work.

Steel was at the historical core of the Community. It has now become a testing ground for the new Europe. In his Banbury speech at the weekend, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, indicated that the government's priority after 1996 was to smooth the entry of central Europe into the Community. His call for a radical opening of markets, in spite of the recession, maps out the only sensible course.

Sincere steel reformers should stop making a scapegoat out of eastern Europe. There must be strict restrictions on subsidies, with exceptions limited only to those plants cutting their capacity enough to have a real effect on the market. A clear legal framework has to be devised for production and delivery quotas. Above all a formula must be found that allows the most efficient producers to survive and the least efficient to close down.

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Tories' role in US elections

From Sir Nicholas Henderson

Sir, It was inexpedient of officials from the Tory party to become involved in any way in the US presidential election campaign (report, February 23). But the following are reasons for thinking that what has happened will not seriously damage the US-UK relationship or that between Clinton and Major:

1. On December 4, 1992, Clinton wrote to Major: "I place a high premium on the historic and special relationship between the USA and Britain. I look forward to establishing strong personal relations. Neither of our countries can achieve its objectives in the world unless we are closely tied." Clinton asked that this letter be released to the press. This does not suggest any undue offence taken.
2. Major will be the first European head of government to visit President Clinton — who would scarcely have extended the invitation to him if he was in disfavour.
3. Relations between the White House, the State Department and the Pentagon on the one hand and British authorities on the other since January 20 have been excellent, and there have been no complaints relating to the election campaign.
4. The US-UK relationship is not based on ideological affinity between leaders — otherwise Churchill would not have hit it off so well with Franklin Roosevelt or Mrs Thatcher have established her bond with the USA under Jimmy Carter.

Yours faithfully,
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Direct speeches

From Sir Kenneth Lewis

Sir, During the general election the prime minister discovered and used an old-fashioned and simple speaking speaking prop: the soap box. Since then John Major and his ministerial colleagues have increasingly used a newly available platform, better than Hyde Park Corner, speaking outside No 10 Downing Street through a microphone to the world's press.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Norman Lamont, has made a statement, during his Budget purdah period ("Shop sales signal hope of recovery", February 18), which he would not have made in the House of Commons.

The gates put up at Downing Street have given ministers a new dimension in communication, without interruption from MPs, or heckling from the public.

In constitutional terms this is something new. It is an interesting development, started by Mrs Margaret Thatcher and expanded in use by John Major. What does the House of Commons make of it?

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Hospital referrals

From Dr Robin Russell Jones

Sir, Your leader, "Health against hubris" (February 17), reflects two major misconceptions about the effects of the Tomlinson report.

First, improving GP care is not going to reduce referrals to hospital. If a GP is not doing his job properly — and, unfortunately, there are plenty of GPs in London who don't — then many of their patients with diabetes, blood pressure, cirrhosis or subclinical heart disease will remain undiagnosed.

Improving GP care will lead to a higher diagnostic rate and this will be followed by an increased number of hospital referrals. To argue, as did the King's Fund in its guidance to Tomlinson, that these conditions can all be dealt with in the community indicates an alarming degree of ignorance.

Secondly, spending millions of pounds on GP premises in central London will do nothing to improve patient care unless the quality of care is improved also. Thus far there have been no proposals to make financial input conditional on health targets — targets which need to be carefully defined and closely audited.

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Quite out of place

From Mr J. H. Stanning

Sir, Mr Garel-Jones's letter (February 23) is sensible in parts if partisan in others, but I am surprised at the misprint, "centifrugal (*sic*) Community". Frugal the EC is not, even one hundredth of it.

Surely Mr Garel-Jones wrote "centrifugal" — fleeing from the centre? That is what the anti-Maastricht camp want to do!

Yours faithfully,
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New moves needed to bring down unemployment

From the General Secretary of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union

Sir, If the Chancellor's Budget priorities reflect his recent public statements, the future of manufacturing industry in Britain looks bleak.

Norman Lamont broke his pre-Budget purdah to enthuse about a revival in high-street sales (report, February 18). They were preceded by much more important figures showing that manufacturing output fell in the last two quarters of 1992 (report, February 17). These went without comment from Mr Lamont.

For three years running output of all production industries has fallen. This has not happened since the 1930s.

Any increase in consumer confidence is to be welcomed, but there is danger too. As the trade figures show, with our manufacturing sector weakened, we still suck in a high proportion of imports. We need a proper "budget for industry", with real help for those companies involved in exporting and producing import substitutes. The one way to sustainable recovery is to provide the necessary incentives to rebuild our manufacturing base.

I hope Mr Lamont now forswears further public comment and concentrates on producing a Budget which puts the three million unemployed back to work making wealth for Britain.

Yours faithfully,
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From Sir Christopher Ball and others

Sir, The Trade Unions Reform and Employment Rights Bill, now before Parliament, provides for the transfer of the statutory duty to secure the provision of careers advice from the (local) education authorities to the Secretary of State.

Whatever the advantages of this proposition, an essential requirement is to build on the principle of partnership, especially that between local authorities and training and enterprise councils.

We commend to the government the creation of a national council to define standards, monitor quality and offer strategic leadership to the organisations and individuals providing guidance for learning and work.

Such a body needs a wide remit and broad membership.

The government has ruled out a statutory body — and indeed we think that the council should be limited to an advisory role, at least until it has proved its worth — but without it the nation risks allowing bad guidance to drive out good.

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February 19.

From Miss Joyce Quin, MP for Gateshead East (Labour)

Sir, Simon Jenkins makes outrageous generalisations about the attitude of "every politician" to unemployment ("Doling out statistics", February 17).

MPs who hold advice "surgeries" in their constituencies and who live, as many of us do, in areas of high unemployment are only too aware of the despair of individuals behind the unemployment statistics.

However, it is not inconsistent to be concerned both about unemployment and about the widespread problem of low pay and poor working conditions. Indeed, it is a wild oversimplification to talk about the wealth gap between employed and unemployed. Many people officially in work receive such low pay that they have to depend on state benefits to make ends meet.

Two job adverts in my local job centre bear this out. One is for an apprentice hairdresser, aged between 16 and 20, being offered 93p an hour for a 38-hour week, another for a security guard working a 70-hour week at £1.85 per hour. Would Simon Jenkins like to apply for such a dangerous job as a security guard on such a rate of pay?

Of course we need measures to create employment (a boost to the construction industry would be a good start); but at the same time it would be failing the working population as a whole if we were not also concerned about some of the atrocious working conditions all too common in Britain today.

Yours faithfully,
JOYCE QUIN
(Labour employment front bench),
House of Commons.

Debate on the long-term energy choices for Britain

From the Director-General, UK Offshore Operators Association Ltd

Sir, Dr Keith Hampson (letter, "Myth and reality for Britain's pits", February 16) provides a welcome window into the discussions which took place in the trade and industry select committee (report, January 30). He also underlines the extent to which the committee sensibly set out the options.

The offshore gas industry welcomes his identification of the other myth that needed to be dispelled: the extravagant statements about UK coal reserves. It is interesting to compare the figure of around 25 years of coal reserves (on economic grounds) with that of 40 years of offshore gas reserves which the committee also accepted.

There has been little if any reference to the need to ensure the fortunes of gas. Britain's offshore oil and gas industry is the one solid success story of the post-war years, yet the committee apparently regarded it as a distant resource that can be turned on or off at will and according to the exigencies of the coal industry.

The offshore industry has to plan its investments a long way ahead: the market risk has to be taken into account, and so far UK governments have encouraged the industry to believe that offshore gas could find its place in the energy market in the UK according to its own strengths: its economics, its environmental advantages and its flexibility in use.

The select committee report envisages considerable government intervention in this freely developing market — constraints on the building of new gas-fuelled power stations and even reduction in the use of gas in existing plants, although capital has been committed and supply contracts have been freely entered into.

This intervention would be immensely damaging to investment confidence in the offshore industry, and from our own studies would be likely to lead to the cancellation or severe delay of some 25 offshore projects in the next seven to eight years. Onshore, 50,000 jobs would be at risk and 5,000 new offshore/onshore jobs would be lost.

These figures were made known to the committee, but it was apparently inconvenient for them to have to accept that the protection of jobs in one sector invariably leads to job losses elsewhere. It is not clear why the jobs associated with the offshore industry are less important than those in mining.

We look to the forthcoming white paper to restore the balance missing from the select committee's deliberations and to recognise that the future success of the offshore industry should not be jeopardised by artificially constraining its legitimate market.

Yours faithfully,
HAROLD HUGHES,
Director-General, UK Offshore Operators Association Ltd,
3 Hans Crescent, SW1.
February 22.

From the Chief Executive, Nuclear Electric plc

Sir, In Graham Searjeant's otherwise excellent observations on the energy choices facing the government ("Coal is the test of government intentions", Business News, February 17) he unfortunately falls at the last hurdle.

"Old nuclear power stations should be phased out in a co-ordinated way," he says. Yes, but only at the end of their economic life, *not* "to make room for coal at the right moments". He can't have it both ways, taking the larger strategic view that long-term energy and industry policy planning is vital for UK plc, with a few very short-term, ad hoc nuclear fixes thrown in.

The select committee's proposals, he writes, were "well thought out, realistic and probably cheaper . . . ". They were indeed, and they *did not* include early shutdown of any nuclear stations, for two simple reasons.

First, their avoidable costs are by far the lowest on the grid, at around 1.2 pence per unit — it is far cheaper to run them than to close them.

Secondly, to substitute UK nuclear job losses for coal job losses would be a pointless sacrifice, when there is a major continuing role for *both*.

There is a third, vital, point. Burning coal, whether in power generation, steelmaking, or anything else, produces greenhouse gases and acid emissions. Nuclear does not. Britain simply cannot meet its environmental targets without that continuing balance. A future for the UK without a major coal industry is unthinkable, but a future for coal without nuclear is impossible.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT HAWLEY,
Chief Executive, Nuclear Electric plc,
Barnett Way, Barnwood, Gloucester.

Winchester heritage

From Lady Bland

Sir, Rachel Kelly reports (February 13) government discussion of proposals to give more bite to local authorities in their fight to protect historic towns from the "tide of bad taste" insidiously destroying their vulnerable hearts.

In Winchester, Hampshire County Council has been responsible for the demolition of good Georgian and Victorian buildings and the construction of dominant and damaging blocks on the sites. We have a new county archives building nearing completion, architecturally interesting but totally out of scale and incongruous in its crossroads site.

To provide adequate space for county police headquarters, an elegant 18th-century building was demolished and replaced by an eight-storey tower, high on the hill and visible four miles away. In addition, 120 small terrace houses were cleared for a county office and parking block, a massive concrete construction which overwhelms this cathedral city.

Each of these county developments — and more — were built against the clearly expressed wishes of local people, and despite the protestation of the relevant planning authority, Winchester City Council, which is virtually powerless in such circumstances.

Recent legislation has controlled the county's ability to permit others to develop on its sites without district planning approval, but it still has the power to force its own proposals through, overriding democratically expressed local feeling. Any proposed legislation which neglects this proven threat will be inadequate.

Yours sincerely,
JENNIE BLAND,
Abbots Worthy House,
Abbots Worthy,
Winchester, Hampshire.

Care of children

From Mrs Dennis Farr

Sir, Cathedrals, art galleries, museums and hospitals all have associations of friends, so why not children's homes, either singly or in groups?

The organisation would raise money and attempt to inspire sensibly the abandoned, the unbalanced, the deprived and the delinquent. Outings would be arranged. Artists, authors, actors and actresses, craftsmen and women and others would be encouraged to give a little of their time to motivate and to inspire the children.

In addition each child might be allotted a carefully vetted friend, who would take an interest in his/her welfare.

Yours faithfully,
DIANA FARR,
35 Esmond Road,
Bedford Park, Chiswick, W4.
February 20.

From Mr Stephen Morrice

Sir, Surely parents should be held wholly responsible and accountable at law for all their children's definably criminal actions while the children are directly under their control up to the age of ten, from which age they are held to have some degree of criminal responsibility.

This would serve to concentrate parents' minds on what, whether by definition or not, is their role.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN MORRICE,
112 Peperharow Road,
Godalming, Surrey.
February 22.

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Travels in Africa

From Mr C. G. Allen

Sir, Professor Prothero (letter, February 19) queries the connection between Dr Livingstone and the eponymous Rousers. There is no doubt about it. The formula is in a letter from Livingstone to John Smith Moffat dated April 20, 1860, which is quoted in the book, *Gospel in Mashonaland*, and is now in the Zimbabwe national archives. It runs thus:

Resin of Jalap and calomel eight grains each and quinine and rhubarb four grains each: pound them well together, and mix into a mass (to be made into pills) with tincture of cardomoms or other spirit if you have none. The whole is a full dose for a strong man.

Bishop Knight Bruce, who suffered grievously from dysentery, used them, but regarded them as a remedy for "fever".

Yours faithfully,
C. G. ALLEN,
36 Church Street,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Armchair soldiering

From Mr Roger Linn

Sir, It is heartening to note that Time-Life Books are doing their bit to keep violence off our streets. This morning's post brought me their latest direct-mail offering, in which I am encouraged to "relive the horrors of Gettysburg — free and in the comfort of your own home". If that isn't enough, the copy goes on to promise "the full horror of battle straight into your living room".

Well, it would certainly make a change from the crossword, but what would I do with the horses?

Yours faithfully,
ROGER LINN,
Mandarin House, 33 High Street,
Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex.
February 22.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 23: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Squadron Leader Brian Sowerby was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Assistant Secretary, Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the headquarters of the Marine Society, Lambeth Road, London SE1.

His Royal Highness, Grand Master, the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, this evening attended a Court Meeting and Court Dinner at Merchant Taylors' Hall, London EC2.

Wing Commander Christopher Moran RAF was in attendance.

By command of The Queen the Viscount St Davids (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of The President of the State of Israel and Mrs Herzog and welcomed His Excellency and Mrs Herzog on behalf of Her Majesty.

Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as *Lady in Waiting to The Queen.*

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 23: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was entertained at *luncheon today by the Canadian* High Commissioner (His Excellency Mr Fredrik S Eaton) at 3 Grosvenor Square. Miss Jane Walker-Okeover and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

Miss Jane Walker-Okeover has succeeded Dame Frances Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 23: The Prince of Wales this morning received Professor Sir John Meurig Thomas (University of Wales).

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trust and The Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust, this evening attended a Reception and Preview of his Watercolour Exhibition given by His Royal Highness's trusts in Scotland for thier supporters at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

Mr Hugh Merrill was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 23: The Princess of Wales this morning visited the West London Mission's Lambeth Walk-in Centre, 3 Lambeth Road, London SE1

Captain Edward Musto RM was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 23: The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon visited Speech Therapy Units at Ley Hill First School, Four Oaks, and afterwards opened Solihull Care Housing Association Ltd's refurbished Swallows Meadow Nursing and Residential Home, Shirley, Solihull.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's *Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands* (the Rt Hon the Earl of Aylesford). Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 23: The Duchess of Kent this evening attended a reception *by the British Federation of Festivals* for Music, Dance and Speech at the Stationers' Hall, London EC4.

Mrs Fiona Henderson was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Professor George Bain, principal, London Business School, 54; Judge Inge Bernstein, 62; Professor E. Boyland, biochemist, 88; Mr Brian Close, cricketer, 62; Dr Lionel Dakers, former director, Royal School of Church Music, 69; Mr Reginald Freeson, former MP, 67; Mr Richard Hamilton, painter, 71; Lord Hazlerigg, 83; Major-General David Houston, Lord-Lieutenant of Sutherland, 64; Mr Paul Jones, singer and actor, 51; Earl Kitchener of Khartoum, 74; Mr David Langdon, cartoonist and illustrator, 79; Mr Denis Law, footballer, 53; Lord Melchett, 45; Admiral Sir William Pillar, 69; Mr Alain Prost, racing driver, 38; Mr Derek Randall, cricketer, 42; the Rev Kathleen Richardson, president, Methodist Conference, 55; Sir Frank Rogers, deputy chairman, *The Daily Telegraph* and chairman, NPA, 73; Mr Harry Urwin, trades unionist, 78; Sir Edgar Vaughan, diplomat, 86; Mr Dennis Waterman, actor, 45; Sir Jerry Wiggin, MP, 56.

Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors

The following are new Fellows from other EC countries:

Jan De Graeve (Belgium), Matthijs Bogaerts (Netherlands), Jacobus Spaans (Netherlands), Michel Mayoud (France), Gunter Suberling (Germany), Guido Dandri (Italy), Artur Bezeiga (Portugal), Antonio Ramirez de Arellano Agudo (Spain).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Le Brun, painter, Paris, 1619; Catherine I, Empress of Russia 1725-27, Dorpat, Estonia, 1684; James Quin, actor, London, 1693; Samuel Wesley, musician, Bristol, 1766; Wilhelm Grimm, historian and folklore collector, Hanau, Germany, 1786; Samuel Lover, novelist, songwriter and painter, Dublin, 1797; Winslow Homer, painter, Boston, Massachusetts, 1836; George Moore, novelist, Ballyglass, co Mayo, 1852; Arnold Dolmetsch, musician, Le Mans, France, 1858; Sir Arthur Pearson, newspaper proprietor, Wookey, Somerset, 1866.

DEATHS: Henry Cavendish, physicist and chemist, London, 1810; Robert Fulton, steamboat pioneer, New York, 1815; Thomas Bowdler, self-appointed Shakespearian censor, Swansea, 1825; Edmund Armstrong, poet, Kingstown, Ireland, 1865.

Pope Gregory XIII announced the introduction of the New Style (Gregorian) calendar, 1582.

The Flying Scotsman went into service, 1923.

Dr Kwame Nkrumah, President of Ghana, ousted in coup, 1966.

University news

Oxford

The Peter Tizard prize in paediatrics 1992 has been awarded to Nicola Fearnhead of Merton College.

Dinners

Speaker

The Speaker held a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday evening in honour of a parliamentary delegation from Albania, led by Mr Pjeter Arbnori, Speaker of the People's Assembly. Mr Alexander Dumas, Honorary Consul for Albania, was also present. The other guests included:

Mr Richard Alexander, MP, Mr John Austin-Walker, MP, Mrs Ann Campbell, MP, Mr Tom Cox, MP, Mr John Cummings, MP, Mr Jim Dowd, MP, the Hon Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, MP, Mr Nigel Evans, MP, Dame Janet Fookes, MP, Mr Alan Howarth, MP, Mr Robert G Hughes, MP, Sir James Kilfedder, MP, Mr Michael Lord, MP, Mr Peter Mandelson, MP, the Hon Mrs Ray Michie, MP, Mr Steven Norris, MP, Mr Chris Smith, MP, Mr Michael Stern, MP, Baroness Strange, the Rev Michael Hayes, Mr David Ramsay, Mr Tim Stevens, Mr Richard Tauwhare, Mr Nicolas Bevan and Sir Peter Kitcatt.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Mr Christopher Jonas, President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Grosvenor House. Sir Andrew Hugh Smith and Mr Rhodri Price Lewis were the speakers.

Royal College of Physicians

A dinner was held at the Royal College of Physicians of London last night after Dr G. Poste had delivered the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine Lecture 1993. The hosts were Professor Leslie A. Turnberg, president of the college, and Mrs Turnberg, Dr J.G. Domenet, president, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine, and Mrs Domenet, Dr D.S. Wright, dean, Faculty of Occupational Medicine, and Mrs Wright and Dr J.M. O'Brien, president, Faculty of Public Health Medicine, and Dr S.J. O'Brien.

Old Westminster Lawyers

The annual Shrove Tuesday dinner of lawyers who were at Westminster School was held last night at Buck's Club. Sir William van Straubenzee was in the chair.

Association of Lancastrians in London

Dr N. Brian Smith, President of the Association of Lancastrians in London, presided at the annual city dinner held last night in Gray's Inn. Sir John Harvey-Jones was the guest of honour and others present included:

Mr Justice Vinelott, Sir William Bartlow, Dame Rose Heilbron, His Honour J S R Abdela, QC, and Mr R B Dunn.

Luncheons

HM Government

The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd held a farewell luncheon yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the Greek Ambassador and Mme Papoulias.

Insurance Institute of London

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Sheriff Anthony Moss, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Insurance Institute of London at Guildhall yesterday. Mr Philip Rhodes, president, presided and the principal speaker was Mr David Hunt, Secretary of State for Wales.

Tallow Chandlers' Company

Lieutenant-Colonel Peter W.S. Boult, Master of the Tallow Chandlers' Company, presented the Tallow Chandlers' medals and awards to British Gas young employees at a luncheon held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. The Master, Wardens and Court also received Mr Robert Evans, Chairman and Chief Executive of British Gas, regional chairmen and other representatives.



Golden day: Sally Gunnell, the Olympic gold medal hurdler, with the insignia of the MBE which she received at Buckingham Palace yesterday. Miss Gunnell said the Queen told her, "This is one to add to your gold medal."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.H. Cawdell and Miss S.H.L. Bates
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Mr and Mrs P.D. Cawdell, and Sarah, daughter of Mr C.P. and Dr J.A.B. Bates, of Burton Joyce, Nottingham.

Mr A.R. Collin and Mlle S. Morel
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Major N. Collin, of Pockley, York, and the late Mrs Cyrus Merrell, and Suzanne, daughter of M Morel and Mme Lagrange, of Arpajon, France.

Mr D.W. Egerton and Miss J.A. Jones
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.L.H. Egerton, of Stuckton, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and Amanda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Jones, of Smallwood, Sandbach, Cheshire.

Mr N.M. Elbourn and Miss P.A. Mills
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Elbourn, of Meldreth, Cambridgeshire, and Penny, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Mills, of Oundle, Peterborough.

Dr J.H. McVey and Dr V.M. Jinks
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Stephen McVey, of Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, and Vivienne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Bruce Jinks, of Kidderminster, Worcestershire.

Mr S. Pope and Miss K.H. Lee
The engagement is announced between Samuel, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Sam Pope, of Rake, Hampshire, and Kathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Lee, of Hopwood, Lancashire.

Mr J.H.R. England and Miss T.D. Dillon
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.H.L. England, of Hilton House, Methven, Perth, and Tracey, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P.M. Dillon, of Broomfield House, Upper Denby, West Yorkshire.

Mr G. Hodges and Miss C.A. Huggins
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, son of Raymond and Mary Hodges, of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, and Claire, elder daughter of Adrian and Barbara Huggins, of Woodford Green, Essex.

Mr H.J. Phillips and Miss A.J. Greenwood
The engagement is announced between Hugo, son of Mr J.E. Phillips, of London, and Mrs C.M.C. Phillips, of Guildford, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs K.P.G. Greenwood, of Bryanston, Dorset.

Mr M.D. Podmore and Miss S.M. Barnett
The engagement is announced between Malcolm, second son of Mr Dennis Podmore, of Long Crendon, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs Keith Abel, of West Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, and Susannah, only daughter of His Honour Judge Barnett, QC, and Mrs Christopher Barnett, of Fordham, Essex.

Mr R.M. Simpson and Miss R.L. Stephens
The engagement is announced between Robin, son of the late Mr M.H. Simpson and of Mrs S.M. Simpson, of Box Tree Cottage, Upton Hellions, Devon, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.W. Stephens, of The Maltings, Stoulton, Worcestershire.

Mr A.M. Spittle and Miss R. Berney
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Spittle, of Elmbridge, Worcestershire, and Rosalind, youngest daughter of Mr John Berney and the late Dr Jill Berney and stepdaughter of Mrs Paula Berney, of Hockering, Norfolk.

Mr J.A. Turnbull and Miss J.M. Ireland
The engagement is announced between James Alexander, younger son of Professor and Mrs J.H. Turnbull, of Alvescot, Oxfordshire, and Juliette Madelaine, only daughter of Mrs A. Wright and the late Mr J.J. Wright, of London.

Mr J.R. Weatherby and Miss S.F. Cliffe-Jones
The engagement is announced between Johnny, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Weatherby, of Whaddon, Buckinghamshire, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Cliffe-Jones, of Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Service dinner

HMS Victory

Admiral Sir John Kerr, Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, and Lady Kerr were the hosts at a dinner held last night onboard the flagship HMS Victory. The guests included:

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thomson, Judge Sir Lawrence Verney and Rear-Admiral J R Brigstocke and their ladies; and the Right Rev Gerard Lavender.

Appointment

Mr J.C. Harrison to be High Commissioner to Mauritius in succession to Mr M.E. Howell who is retiring.

RHS Flower Show

Daffodils give spring an early sparkle

BY ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

AS DAFFODILS are flowering up to one month early, they are among the main attractions at the Royal Horticultural Society's Flower Show, which opened in Westminster yesterday.

More than 21 different kinds of miniature daffodils or narcissus are being shown by Broadleigh Gardens, of Bishop's Hull, Somerset. Among the newer cultivars are 'Pequenita' with tiny scented small-cupped yellow flowers and rush-like foliage, and 'Bob Minor', bright yellow with attractively twisted petals. From America are new *cyclamineus* cultivars 'Pepys', cream and yellow, and white and yellow 'Kitty'.

Many other exhibits feature bulbs, such as drifts of hardy cyclamen, crocuses and bulbous irises staged by Potterton and Martin, of Nettleton, Lincolnshire, and Jacques Amand, of Stanmore, west London.

Rupert Bowlby, of Gatton, Surrey, has a fine collection of lachnalias, tender bulbs for the cool greenhouse. New cultivars like 'Violet Queen' (deep violet) and 'Indian Prince' (deep yellow, tipped red) are rubbing shoulders with more familiar kinds.

A delightful little spring cottage garden has been created by Glebe Cottage Plants, of Warkleigh, Devon. This features both old and new plants: new pulmonarias or lungworts, including 'Frühlingshimmel' with large pale blue flowers, and old double primroses: white *Primula vulgaris* 'Alba Plena' and lilac *P. v.* 'Lilacina Plena'.

Other spring-flowering hardy plants include alpine and woodland plants from Edrom Nurseries, of Coldingham, Borders. Particularly noteworthy here is a Californian plant for a cool damp shady spot, *Sisyrinchium douglasii*, with grassy foliage and purple bell-shaped flowers, plus the white variety *album*.

Camellias are prominent at the show and scented species are included among the popular hybrids on the stand of James Trehane and Sons, of Hampreston, Dorset. The white flowers of *Camellia lutchuensis* and *C. yuhsiensis* are strongly scented. A foliage camellia is also included: gold variegated 'Reigyoku' from Japan.

Burncoose and South Down Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall, have their usual magnificent exhibit of trees, shrubs and other ornamental plants, including giant magnolias and one of their relations: *Michelia doltsopa*, a Chilean shrub with heavily scented, white star-shaped flowers and large handsome evergreen foliage.

Plenty of exotic plants are to be seen at this show including orchids. Dr H F Oakeley, of Beckenham, Kent, has brought along part of the national collection of lycastes. He is showing hybrids from the pink *Lycaste skinneri*, brown and gold *L. lasiglossa* and brown and pink *L. macrophylla*, including some fine dark reds.

The RHS ornamental plants' competition is well supported. Borde Hill Garden, of Haywards Heath, West Sussex, has won the class for four trees or shrubs shown for foliage, fruits or coloured bark, with *Aucuba japonica*, *Elaeagnus pungens* 'Gilt Edge', *Cornus alba* 'Sibirica' and *Rhododendron ririei*. The class for four ornamental plants of different genera in bloom has been won by Mr N Holman, of Truro, Cornwall, with *Rhododendron praevernum*, *Pieris formosa*, *Osmanthus burkwoodii* and *Magnolia sargentiana* 'Robusta'.

In the British Iris Society's early spring show, Mr Berney Baughen, of Orpington, Kent, has won the mini-Peckham cup for *Iris reticulata* hybrids and species, and the Christie-Miller medal trophy for most points in the show.

Gold medals have been awarded to: Burncoose and Southdown Nurseries, Redruth, Cornwall (trees, shrubs, ornamental plants).

Artists: Ivor Coburn, Magherafelt, Northern Ireland (water colours of flowers); Christine Hart-Davies, of Poole, Dorset (water colours of European orchids); Kate Nessler, of Arkansas, USA (water colours of winter wild flowers, weeds, and leaves); Katherine Pickles, of St Ola, Orkney (water colours of hardy perennials); Sirlot Sherlock, of Romsey, Hampshire (water colours of plants from the Sir Harold Hillier Garden and Arboretum); and Ann Swann, of Teddington, Middlesex (pencil drawings of Lycastes from the National Collection).

The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will attend a reception at the Farmers' Club at 6.30.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the Radio Society of Great Britain, will visit the special event station at Great Ormond Street Hospital at 10.45; and, as president, will attend a luncheon at the Naval and Military Club at 12.30.

The Prince of Wales, as President of Scottish Business in the Community, will visit the Craigmillar Estate, Edinburgh, at 10.20; as President of The Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust. The Prince's Trust and Scottish Business in the Community, will attend a meeting at the Signet Library at 11.30; and, as Patron of the Rajiv Gandhi (UK) Foundation, will be host at a reception on behalf of the foundation at St James's Palace at 6.30.

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It is your own wickedness that will punish you, your own apostasy that will condemn you. See for yourselves how bitter a thing it is and how evil, to reject the Lord your God...
Jeremiah 2:19

BIRTHS

BRERETON - On February 17th, to Anthony and Florella, a son, a brother for Alexander.

BURNETT - On 18th February, to Jennie and Stephen, a son, Peter, a brother to Matthew.

CAMERON - To John and Barbara a daughter Amy Elizabeth born 8th January (10 weeks early). Thanks to lots of love and care and the Watford Special Care Baby Unit, Amy is now home.

CARDOZO - On February 23rd 1993, to Alison (née Hughes) and Geoffrey, a daughter, Eugenie Charlotte.

CHAPLIN - On February 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Wendy (née Stillerman) and Melvin, a darling son, Marcus Austin Rupert.

DICKINS - On February 18th, to Judith and Glen, a daughter, Alice Nicole, a sister for Dale Christopher.

FALCON - On February 21st, to Katie (née Thistlethwayte) and Michael, a daughter, Amy Lucinda, a sister for Emily and Isabella.

HALLETT - On February 16th at Dorchester, to Rosemary (née Lane) and Jeremy, a son, Matthew John.

HITT - On Tuesday 16th February, to Amanda (née Hazell) and Martin, a daughter, Phoebe Alexandra Lois.

MACKENZIE-SMITH - On February 22nd, to Carrie (née Saner) and Simon, a son, Dougal Alexander and a daughter, Phoebe Judith.

MILLER - On February 21st at Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, to Rebecca (née Ridley) and Patrick, a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth.

MUIR-YAYLOR - On February 22nd at Brookwood Hospital, Alabama, to Lisa (née Wilson) and Alastair, a son, Thomas William.

NOTT - On February 12th, to Sharon (née Noakes) and Christopher, a son, George Joseph Perry.

QUIGLEY - On February 19th, to Ann (née Stancomb) and David, a son, Angus.

ROUSE - On February 22nd, to Hilary (née Brader) and Justin, a daughter, Josephine Letitia, a sister for Camilla and Libby.

STRUTT - On February 19th, to Athena and Henry, a son.

VERITY - On 18th February, to Lucy and Paul, a daughter Esme. A wonderful memory to Beryl and Martin.

MARRIAGES

FARQUHARSON-PARRY DE WINTON - The marriage took place quietly on Saturday February 20th at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Brancaster, between Alwyne Compton Farquharson of Invercauld and Patricia (née Simms-Adams), widow of Nicholas Parry de Winton.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER - On Saturday 20th February, peacefully in hospital, Bertha Mary of Salisbury. Formerly of Gillingham, Dorset. Widow of the late Bernard William Alexander. Beloved mother of Sheila, William and Elizabeth. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, East Harnham, Salisbury, on Tuesday 2nd March at 1 pm, followed by Interment in Westbury (Wilts.) Cemetery. Family flowers only or donations to R.N.L.I. c/o Will Case and Partners, 22 Churchfields Road, Salisbury, SP2 7NH.

ALTWEGG - Gertrude Eleanor, peacefully on February 22nd 1993 at home, aged 89 years. Much loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and dearest granny. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 26th February at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The Spastics Society. All enquiries to Broadbents & Boothroyds, 33 Liverpool Road, Birkdale, tel: (0704) 550055.

ANDLAW - On February 20th after a long illness bravely borne, Paul Robert aged 49. Loving husband of Madeline and father of James. Will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved him. No flowers - donations to Elimination of Leukaemia Fund c/o J.E. Gillman & Son Ltd., 971/3 Garrat Lane, Tooting, London SW17 0LW.

BAKER - On February 18th, peacefully in the Bath Clinic, Dennis Meyler aged 77. Beloved husband of Helen and father of Hilary and Stephen. Funeral Service at St Philip and St James, Norton St Philip, on Thursday February 25th at 12 noon. No flowers please. Donations to Frome Branch, Motor Neurone Disease Association c/o the Treasurer, Mrs Cindy Edwards, 6 Clink Farm Court, Frome, Somerset BA11 2EN.

BECKWITH - David Beckwith of Oxted died in his sleep on February 19th whilst on holiday in Tenerife. The funeral will be a private one. His wife and family have greatly appreciated the help and sympathy shown to them.

BUCHAN - On 20th February, peacefully in her 94th year, Gladys Lilian (Jane), beloved wife of the late Harry Buchan and mother of the late Paddy and of Jain. Funeral private. No letters, please.

BUCKINGHAM - Hugh, of Penare, Cornwall, after a long illness bravely fought, beloved husband of Pamela, father of Eliza, Teresa and Simon, grandfather to their children. Donations if desired for Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund c/o 15-19 British Street, London SW3 3TZ.

BULSTRODE - On 23rd February 1993, peacefully at his home, Dr. Christopher Dymoke, aged 73 years, of Love Lane, Bodmin, Cornwall. Darling husband to Molly, loving father of Elizabeth and good friend of Tony, darling grandad to Daniel, Victoria and Sophie. God bless you, Darling. Funeral Service at St Petroc's Church, Bodmin, on Monday 1st March at 10.15 am followed by committal at Glynn Valley Crematorium. No flowers/letters please. Donations in lieu to Stillmoor House Patient Trust Fund, c/o G.N. Thomas Funeral Directors, West End, Bodmin, Cornwall.

CHAPLIN - On 19th February, suddenly at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Judith, O.B.E. M.P. Beloved wife of Michael, mother of Alice, Emma, Jonathan and Benedict and grandmother of Hester and Beatrice. Funeral at West Herts Crematorium, Garston, on Thursday 25th February at 1.30 pm for family only. No flowers please but donations to Mary Hare Foundation would be appreciated. Please address to Appeals Director, Mary Hare School for the Deaf, Arlington Manor, Newbury, RG16 9BQ. Arrangements for Memorial Services will be announced later.

FAIRLIE - On Sunday 21st February 1993, died peacefully at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, Prof. Alison A.B. Fairlie, lately of Girton College, Cambridge, aged 76 years. Eldest daughter of the late Rev. Robert Fairlie. Funeral, private. no flowers.

GATES - Neville Charles on 20th February peacefully at home in Compton Bassett after a long illness. He will be greatly missed.

GRIFFITH-EVANS - Peacefully in Llandough Hospital on February 19th, Dr. Raymond Griffith-Evans Md.FRCP of Fairwater Road, Llandaff, Cardiff. Dear son of the late Margaret Oliver. Sadly missed by all his friends. Resting at the private funeral home of James Pidgeon & Son, 639 Cowbridge Road East, Victoria Park, Cardiff until the funeral on Monday March 1st service at 1.30 pm in the Chapel at Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff.

HARDY - On February 21st, peacefully in hospital, Dorothy Margaret aged 72. Beloved wife of Wilfrid and mother to Margaret and Michael. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Friday February 26th at 1pm. Family flowers only but donations to Liver Research Unit Trust, Liver Unit, King College Hospital, c/o T.H. Sanders, tel: (081) 948-1651.

HARTON - Sibyl, widow of The Very Reverend F.P. Harton, sometime Dean of Wells, peacefully at home. A Requiem will be said at the Church of St Laurence, West Challow, Oxon, at 3 pm on Wednesday March 3rd.

HEMING - Melissa Mary on February 23rd at Bath Hospital, after a short illness, much loved wife of Leo and mother of Rodric, Patricia and Caroline. Burial Service, Saturday 27th February, 3pm Edington Priory. Family flowers only, donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

HERBERT - On 22nd February, suddenly, John, dearly loved husband of Betty, devoted father of Richard, Alice and the late Frances and proud grandfather of Will, George and Tom. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Claverton, Bath, on Friday 26th February at noon. No flowers please, but donations greatly appreciated for the R.N.L.I., c/o Jolliys Funeral Directors, 7 Windsor Place, Upper Bristol Road, Bath.

HORLER - Daniel John of Charlton, London, aged 77 years died peacefully on 11th February after a short illness. Much loved by his family and friends.

JONES - On February 20th, passed away peacefully at St Michaels Hospital, Aylsham, Norfolk, Edward Dennis M.B.E. Beloved husband of Marjory and much loved father of Colin. Funeral Service at Minsyn Crematorium, King's Lynn, Norfolk, on Tuesday March 2nd at 12 noon. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind may be sent c/o Tennant Funeral Services, 25 Norwich Road, Watton, Thetford, Norfolk IP25 6DA.

JOSHUA - On February 21st 1993, peacefully in hospital, Joan Olive Joshua F.R.C.V.S. of Lower Heswall, Wirral (formerly of Finchley). In her 81st year. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Thornton Hough, on Wednesday 3rd March at 12 noon followed by cremation at Landican. No flowers please, but if desired donations for either The Multiple Sclerosis Society or The Stone Work Appeal at All Saints Church may be sent c/o Charles Stephens F/D, 179 Telegraph Road, Heswall, L60 7SE. tel: (051) 342-6949.

LOWE - On February 20th, peacefully after a short illness, Frances Elizabeth 'Dix', aged 84. Beloved mother of Charles and Sally. Cremation at 12.30 pm followed by a Memorial Service at St Oswalds Church, Lower Peover, Knutsford, Cheshire, at 2 pm on Friday February 26th. Family flowers only.

LUMNOR - On February 21st 1993, peacefully at Motesey Hospital, Edward Stanley, husband of Kay, father of Sheila. Greatly loved. Funeral Service on Monday March 1st at 10.30 am at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead.

MARSELL - On Sunday February 21st 1993, very suddenly at home, Anne Margaret, in her 90th year, Widow of Lt-Cmdr J.F. Mansell R.N. (killed in action 1942). Precious mother and grandmother of Josephine and Harry Burchnall. A devoted and dearly loved friend to everyone she touched. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Batsford, Moreton-in-Marsh, Friday February 26th at 11.30 am.

MERCHANT - On February 21st, Leslie, aged 91, much loved husband of the late Kathleen and father of Brenda. Funeral on Friday 26th February at 11 am, Rochester Cathedral. Family flowers only. Donations to Friends of Rochester Cathedral, Garth House, The Precinct, Rochester, Kent ME2 1ST.

MUSKETT - (née Scott-Elliot). On February 20th 1993, gently at The Royal Lancaster Infirmary, Juliet Anne, beloved wife of Laurie and devoted mother of Calum. Funeral Service at St Mary the Virgin, Michelderver, Hampshire, on Friday 26th February at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to any Cancer Charity.

NEWITT - Agnes Freda (née Young), widow of Richard Newitt, peacefully on 20th February at Little Haven, Dibden Purlieu, near Southampton. Funeral on Tuesday 2nd March at Dibden Purlieu Methodist Church at 2 pm followed by committal at Southampton Crematorium at 3.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Southampton Citizens Advice Bureau c/o Henry Powell & Son, Funeral Directors, 11/13 Eling Lane, Totton, Southampton, SO4 4GB.

OATLEY - On February 19th at St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, Phyps (née Howden), died peacefully after a typically brave and vigorous battle with cancer, in which she was splendidly supported and cared for by her friends, her children, and the Macmillan Nurses and St Christopher's. The funeral will be at West Norwood Crematorium at 11 am on 27th February. Instead of flowers please send donations to St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, or Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, Kellaways: (081) 693-2898.

PAMPIGLIONE - On February 23rd 1993, peacefully at St Joseph's Hospice after a long illness, Giuseppe (Pep) M.D., F.R.C.P., D.L.Neurol. Loved husband of Sara, loving father of Julian, Benjamin and Nadia, grandfather of Tom and Harry. Funeral Service 12 noon at St Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, N2. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to St Pancras Mental Health Care of Older Peoples Services, Level 5, Highgate Wing, Whittington Hospital, London N19 5NT.

PRIMS - Peacefully in hospital on February 21st 1993, Cornelius Arnold Lorenz aged 81 years, of Ford, Glos. A dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service St Mary's Church, Temple Guiting, Friday February 26th at 3pm, followed by interment. Flowers or donations if preferred for The Casualty Unit Appeal. The Moore Cottage Hospital, may be left at the Church or sent to W.J. Wright Funeral Director, Well Lane, Stow-on-the-Wold, Cheltenham, Glos.

ROBINSON - On Monday February 22nd 1993, suddenly of a heart attack in Barbados, William Eric Arnot, much loved husband of Rita and darling father of Caroline. Always remembered with love. Cremation abroad. Please no letters.

SAUNDERS - On February 21st, peacefully in his sleep in hospital, Richard Kenneth aged 86, loving husband of Kathleen and dear father and grandfather. Cremation private, family only. No flowers please.

SATTERTHWAITE - On February 22nd, peacefully, Edward Sydney (Sattery) Commander RN, aged 93. Very dear husband of Jeanne, adored father of Sarah and Nona and much loved grandfather of Tessa, Lucinda and Alexander. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Broughton, Hants, on Friday February 26th at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations, if wished, to Kingfisher Ward Trust Fund, St John's Unit, Andover War Memorial Hospital, Hants.

SCOTT - On February 23rd, peacefully at home, Mary, beloved wife of John (Sandy) Scott. Service at St Mary's, Twickenham, on Tuesday March 2nd at 1.30 pm followed by cremation at S.W.M. Crematorium, Hanworth. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Leukaemia Research, c/o Wales & Pain Funeral Directors, 31 Church Street, Twickenham.

SCROPE - On Monday 22nd February, peacefully, Lt. Colonel Conyers Stephen Scrope M.C. Late Green Howards. Much loved husband of Ethel. Funeral Service St Edmunds R.C. Catholic Church, Bury St Edmunds, Thursday 25th February at 2 pm followed by private burial.

SNOW - Sr. Mary Vincent FMDM (Bridget Snow), died peacefully on Monday February 22nd at Ladywell Convent, Godalming. The Funeral Mass and Burial will be held at Ladywell at 3.30pm, Friday February 26th.

SOUGLIDES - Zeno, formerly of Beira and Johannesburg, suddenly February 16th. Buried Adamas Milos 21st February in presence of wife Poppy, children Katie, John, Nick and Christine.

TABOR - On 22nd February 1993 at Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford, Miss M Lucy Tabor, aged 86, dearly loved sister of John Tabor and beloved aunt of Helen, Edward, Lucy, Ruth and David. Cremation private. Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Bocking, Braintree, at midday on Wednesday 24th March 1993.

TURNER - Very peacefully on Monday February 22nd in Wimbledon, Elsie Eveline Turner, beloved wife of the late John Turner and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. For funeral arrangements please ring Messrs Mears and Cottrell, 169 Merton Road, SW18, tel: (081) 874-7698.

WATT - On 20th February 1993, Eleanor Mary, for 68 years the very dearly loved and loving wife of Nevill, a devoted and much loved and cherished mother.

WILSON - Stuart A.L., on 23rd February, peacefully at home. Aged 60 years. Much loved husband and father. Service at Christ Church, West Wimbledon, at 10.15am on Monday 1st March. No flowers please but donations to The Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, in his memory.

WRIGHT - On February 22nd, at home, Veronica Mary. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Winchester, on Monday 1st March at 12 noon. No flowers. Donations to Friends of Countess Mountbatten c/o JNO Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BULMER - An appreciation of the life and work of Bertram Bulmer will be held on Saturday 20th March 1993 at 2.30 pm in Hereford Cathedral.

MAY - The Memorial Service for Myrtle will be held at St Luke's Church, Sidney Street, Chelsea, on Wednesday 10th March at 12 noon.

STRIDE - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mary Stride will be held on Wednesday March 17th at 2.30 pm at St Peter's Church, Otham, on the A278, two miles north of Lewes, East Sussex.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

DAWSON-BOWLING - Canon J.O.M. Former Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Glossop, died 24th February 1980. Remembered with love.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

HOYES - Alison Lucy, 24th February 1984. "Alison brevis annos fata dederunt. raro antecedentem scelestum deseruit pede poena claudo". In loving memory Fleur and Caroline.

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OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL W. G. FRYER

Major-General W. G. Fryer, CB, CBE, the Army's Chief Engineer, Middle East, from 1954 to 1957, died on February 19 aged 92. He was born on May 1, 1900.

BILL Fryer was a Royal Engineer of immense energy and zest, who excelled in two fields: as an ingeniously innovative electrical and mechanical engineer, and as an outstanding sportsman. In the first capacity, he kept the British forces supplied with water throughout the Western Desert campaign from 1940 to 1942, and was the initiator of the desert pipelines for both water and fuel. As a leading ocean racing yachtsman he won prewar renown as the mate and skipper of the Sapper yacht *Ilex* in the first transatlantic race in 1931, and in the Fastnet, Plymouth-Santander and many other international off-shore races between 1929 and 1934. He was an extraordinarily likeable man with an engaging sense of humour and an infectious enthusiasm for everything he undertook.

Christened Wilfred George, but always known as Bill, he was the son of James Fryer, of Kington, Herefordshire. He was educated at Christ College, Brecon, and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, from which he passed out top in mathematics, and was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1919. His technical bent was recognised in 1931 when he was appointed assistant instructor in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering at the School of Military Engineering, Chatham — *Ilex*'s home port. Three years later he set off for India (to serve for five years with the Bombay Sappers and Miners) where he exploited the opportunities for all sports, including shikar, or hunting, into which he generously inducted many young officers.

He returned to the Electrical and Mechanical School at Chatham in 1939 as a senior instructor, and he is remembered by his many students, who reached high rank, as an excellent teacher of the driest engineering subjects, his humour capturing his audience, however lethargic. In his spare time, he revised the Army Manual of Water Supply.

He can hardly have guessed that, as soon as the second world war broke out, he would find himself in GHQ Cairo, charged with solving the water supply problems of the Army and RAF in the Western Desert. The size and mobility of the forces which could be deployed towards the Libyan frontier were being constrained by lack of wells on the coast, many of which were over 200 miles apart. The only other sources of water were the artesian wells at oases like Siwa, but they were too far inland to be of much use.

Fryer set about his quest for water and the means of delivering it in the vast quantities needed by the troops and large water-consumers such as railway engines, which needed 50 gallons to run a mile, by gathering together a team of geophysicists and geologists



from the Johannesburg Rand, who worked under Professor Shotton of Sheffield University to locate underground supplies; by setting up well-boring teams with mobile drilling rigs to reach the water; by assembling pipe-laying units to deliver it over long distances; and by persuading GHQ to buy him a light aircraft, which he piloted himself, to co-ordinate the whole effort.

During General Sir Richard O'Connor's victorious campaign against the Italians early in 1941, Fryer was one of the first officers into Bardia when it fell. Quickly assessing the damage done to the water supply system by Italian demolition parties, he was back in Cairo organising the dispatch of spares for its repair before the news of Bardia's fall had reached GHQ. By the time the desert fighting peaked in 1942, water supply was no longer a limiting factor in operations. Not only had enough wells been sunk, but a sufficiency of water and fuel pipelines had been laid from Alexandria forward to the battle areas.

During the desert fighting, he was in Tobruk for part of the siege in 1941; and after it was over, he stayed on in GHQ Middle East until the latter half of 1944, by which time he could claim that there was no stretch of road of more than 50 miles without water between Tripoli in the west and Baluchistan in the east. He could also state from hard-won experience that the so-called water-diviners were all but useless.

After a short spell as GSO1 to the Chief Scientific Adviser in the War Office in early 1944, he went to Normandy as Deputy Chief Engineer to O'Connor's 8th Corps with which he served until the end of the war. Promoted brigadier, he spent most of 1945 as Chief Engineer on the British Army Staff in Washington, and, on returning home towards the end of that year, was made responsible for engineer equipment policy in the War Office for the next three years. In 1948 he went out to the Far East as Chief Engineer Singapore District at the start of the Malayan Emergency with which he was closely concerned until 1951 when he returned to England to be Chief Engineer of Southern Command.

He was promoted major-general in 1954, and was sent back to Egypt, which he knew so well, as Chief Engineer Middle East in the fraught period of Abdul Nasser's negotiations with Anthony Eden for the British withdrawal from the Canal Zone. As Chief Engineer, he was responsible for building alternative accommodation in Cyprus, Aden and Kenya for GHQ and the Canal Zone garrison when they left Egypt. He was still Chief Engineer Middle East when the Suez crisis broke and, as he used to say, "the military side went so well and Eden's ideas so badly."

Fryer retired in 1957 and went into civil engineering, becoming a managing director within Associated British Engineering. He later became chairman of Warminster Press. Besides being a renowned yachtsman, who founded the British Kiel Yacht Club in 1945, he was a skier of repute, winning the Lauberhorn Cup in 1928 and founding the Royal Engineer ski and mountaineering clubs in 1947.

He married Jean Eleanor Graham Binny in 1931. They had three sons, the eldest of whom skied in the British team but died in 1981; the second joined the Royal Engineers and has retired from the Army; and the youngest is managing director of Warminster Press.

JEAN LECANUET

Jean Lecanuet, a one-time candidate for the French presidency, and long-time mayor of Rouen died in Neuilly-sur-Seine, a Paris suburb, on February 22 from cancer aged 72. He was born in Rouen on March 4, 1920.



JEAN Lecanuet radically changed the ways of French political campaigning when he stood against General de Gaulle — and François Mitterrand — in 1965, the first presidential election in France by universal suffrage. He used television to project a Kennedy-style image complete with flashing smile and a direct line of approach. "I am Jean Lecanuet. I am 45 years old. I am the right age."

As he was largely unknown to the French public (better-known centrist politicians had declined to run against de Gaulle), he hired one of France's top publicity agents, Michel Bongrand, who arranged for Lecanuet at public meetings to appear from the depths of the stage with a spotlight on him. Supporters of his opponents dismissed him as "Monsieur Dents Blanches" (Mr White Teeth), a sarcastic reference to his perpetual smile. However, he won nearly 16 per cent of the vote, double the forecasts. Admittedly, the Socialist Mitterrand won 32 per cent, but he and Lecanuet together with the votes of other candidates denied de Gaulle the more than 50 per cent of the vote he needed to avoid a second round.

It was the first big crack in the general's seeming invincibility. It also obliged him to take TV lessons, practise before mirrors and agree to TV interviews instead of relying uniquely on lofty pronouncements from his podium in the Elysée Palace. Lecanuet's main argument with de Gaulle was over Europe — he was a lifelong federalist — and greater Atlantic co-operation.

Lecanuet's moment of fame perhaps came too early. Throughout his political career from the end of the 1950s he sought to forge a strong centre party between the Gaullists on the one side and the Socialist-Communist alliance on the other. He never succeeded, despite leading a variety of centre parties; he was president of the Christian Democratic Popular Republican Movement (MRP) from 1963-65, the Centre for Social Democrats (1976-1982) and the Union for French Democracy (1978-1988). The last-named, known as the UDF, is now a main plank of the opposition considered likely (along with the Gaullists) to win the March parliamentary elections. Lecanuet, however, was pushed aside in 1988 by Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former president whom he supported in 1974.

Lecanuet served as justice minister in President Giscard d'Estaing's first government, headed by the Gaullist leader, Jacques Chirac as prime minister (1974-1976). He had to deal with serious trouble in French prisons. He supported the liberalisation of French abortion laws, despite his background in Christian Democrat politics. He also steered through a reform of French divorce laws. He was later minister for the national plan and for territorial decentralisation in the Raymond Barre government that succeeded that of M. Chirac (1976-1977).

He had been a member of the National Assembly at various times, but from the late 1970s he served in the Senate. Had it not been for his illness, he could well have been elected president of the Senate, the second personage in the state. He was the long-time head of the Senate's foreign affairs and defence commission.

If Lecanuet failed to forge a third force in French politics, he was undisputed political boss of Rouen and the Seine-Maritime department. In all, he was mayor of Rouen for 25 years. He had been born there in fairly humble circumstances, the son of a salesman. But he was a brilliant philosophy student, winning his doctorate in 1942 at the age of 22. He served in the Resistance and was arrested by the Gestapo in 1944 but managed to escape.

He was a popular figure in French politics. Even one of the Communist party leaders, Roland Leroy, called him "a man of conviction, delicate courtesy and respect for his opponents". Lecanuet remained faithful all his life to the idea of France being governed from the centre. The French referendum on the Maastricht treaty gave him a last chance to campaign for his European ideals. He remained something of a philosopher and lacked the "killer instinct" of politicians such as Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and François Mitterrand.

He was twice married, and leaves his widow and the three children of his first marriage.

PROFESSOR DEREK AGER

Professor D. V. Ager, geologist, died on February 8 aged 69. He was born on April 21, 1923.

ALTHOUGH he may be thought of chiefly as a leading world authority on Mesozoic Brachiopoda — marine clamlike creatures of the era between 230 and 65 million years ago — on which he published several monographs and scores of papers, Derek Ager only regarded this as part of his work. His popular first book *Introducing Geology* (1961, 1975) was based on his philosophy that almost all aspects of geology can be taught through the medium of British stratigraphy. His great interest in palaeoecology and the geographical distribution of fossils led him to produce the first English textbook on palaeoecology: *The Principles of Palaeoecology* (1963). For 20 years he was editor-in-chief of the international journal *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology and Palaeoecology*, published in The Netherlands.

The book he was most proud of was *The Nature of the Stratigraphical Record* (1973, 1981, 1993) a provocative, amusing and highly readable "ideas" book which has profoundly influenced stratigraphic thinking. Both that book and the one on palaeoecology have been translated into Chinese. His travels in every country in Europe (apart from Albania) and adjacent countries of North Africa led to his most ambitious undertaking *The Geology of Europe* (1980).

After his retirement he continued to write and produced another book, *The New Catastrophism*, which was a sequel to *The Nature of the Stratigraphical Record* and showed that "catastrophism" had returned to all aspects of geology in recent decades. Unfortunately he did not live quite long enough to see it published but he dedicated it to the medical staff who kept him alive long enough to write it.

Derek Victor Ager was educated at the John Lyon School, Harrow. When war came he served in a Supplementary Fire Party and the Home Guard until he was old enough to volunteer for the Royal Tank Regiment. He served in a special experimental unit for five years, testing many different devices to be put on tanks, including those for the D-Day landings.

Ager found his first fossil while digging a slit trench in the "Coralline" Crag of Suffolk when he was a



member of the Home Guard during the second world war and an invasion was expected. He had his first experience of practial geology in the trials for D-Day on the north Norfolk coast.

When the war in Europe was over he went to India for the landings in Malaya, but the Japanese surrendered before this happened. He stayed in India and finished as a sergeant instructor in a regimental school in the foot-hills of the Himalayas.

After the war he was awarded an ex-serviceman's grant and studied at Chelsea Polytechnic. He took a first class degree in Geology in 1951 and went straight on to the staff of the Geology Department of the Imperial College of Science & Technology. He completed a PhD in three years, in spite of teaching at the same time.

In 1969 he was appointed to the Chair of Geology at University College, Swansea, in one of the best "soft rock" departments in the country. He served as head of department for the next 20 years. He also created a new department of oceanography.

Among many changes he introduced was field work abroad for students which was excellent training for the sort of jobs they were likely to be doing later.

He stood down as head on account of his health and was a research professor until normal retirement age. Soon after he stood down he was heart-broken both literally and figuratively by the closure of his beloved department, as a result of government policy. He never got over this, and continued to fight for the reinstatement of the department.

During his career he received many awards at home and abroad.

His great interests, apart from geology and writing were travel, opera, literature and history. He visited no less than 57 countries. He was visiting professor at numerous universities in the USA, Canada, France, The Netherlands, Kenya, Tanzania, Japan, China and New Zealand. His great frustration in his later years was that his poor health curtailed his travels.

In 1952 he married Renée Coleman of the old water department of the Geological Survey. They had two children who inherited their father's travel bug, one on the sea and the other on land. His daughter habitually lives on a small boat and has crossed the Atlantic in one, besides sailing single-handed around the Mediterranean. His son is an engineering hydrologist and is currently working with Save the Children Fund, building dams in Zimbabwe.

After major heart surgery in 1983 Derek Ager had years of illness and over 40 spells in hospital. He added to his Donor Card "heart and kidneys not worth having" but he would have been pleased to know that his corneas have gone to help someone else.

JACQUELINE HILL

Jacqueline Hill, actress, died from cancer on February 18 aged 63. She was born on December 17, 1929.



BEST known as one of the four original characters in the first *Dr Who* television series, Jacqueline Hill also played leading roles in a number of outstanding television plays in the 1950s and 1960s, including starring opposite a then unknown Sean Connery.

Born in Birmingham, she was orphaned at an early age and raised by a grandmother. To support her younger brother, she was forced to leave school. But while working at Cadbury's she won a scholarship taking her backstage at theBirmingham Rep and then to RADA where she won a number of awards.

After she appeared briefly on a television talent show, Sam Wanamaker selected her for a supporting role in *The Shrike* in the West End. An ability to speak with an American accent, without any of the exaggerations common among British actors at the time, allowed her to create coveted roles during a period of television drama when many of the early plays were written by Americans. She starred in *Three Empty Rooms*, the first play by Reginald Rose to be televised in this country, and subsequently in Rod Serling's *Requiem for a Heavyweight* opposite Sean Connery.

In her acting she conveyed a singular vulnerability with hidden depths: "smouldering fires of attractiveness," wrote the *Yorkshire Post*.

Her other television work included *The Man Who Came to Dinner* with Leo McKern; *The Legend of Pepito* with Sam Wanamaker; *Romeo & Juliet* with Alan Rickman and *Paradise Postponed* with Michael Hordern. Her films included *The Blue Parrot* with Dermot Walsh and *The Comedy Man* with Kenneth More.

Jacqueline Hill joined William Hartnell in a new BBC concept about space travellers in 1963 and stayed with the series for three years. The cult acclaim of *Dr Who* led to fan mail from across the world. Cast as Barbara Wright, teacher of the Doctor's grandchild forced to travel through time, her character — unusual for a woman in the 1960s — would stand for no nonsense from the Doctor; she was the only one on board the Tardis who could hold her own against the irascible Time Lord.

In the 1970s Jacqueline Hill virtually retired to concentrate on raising her children, returning to the screen only occasionally. A few years ago she re-appeared in *Dr Who*, this time as a villainess opposing the good Doctor. And she appeared more recently as Lady Capulet in *Romeo & Juliet* in the BBC Shakespeare series.

She is survived by her husband, the film and television director Alvin Rakoff, and by a daughter and a son.

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CONDUCT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES

Dr. Deane.——I have only one more question to trouble your Royal Highness with. Has there ever been any improper familiarity or criminal act between yourself and Lady Mordaunt?

His Royal Highness (in a very firm tone).—There has not.

There was here a burst of applause, which was at once repressed . . .

Those who have followed the painful case which has now been dragging on for days through the Divorce Court will gather some solid comfort from a part of the proceedings yesterday. The HEIR APPARENT voluntarily appeared in the witness-box, and emphatically denied that there was any foundation in fact for the aspersions which had been cast upon him . . .

There were few——we may say there was no Englishman who was not distressed when he remembered that the eldest son of the QUEEN rested under this cloud of obloquy. The surreptitious publication of the PRINCE'S letters was the first gleam to lighten the darkness. They were not such as to entitle the writer to a place in the next edition of WALPOLE'S *Royal and Noble Authors*, but they gave the world greater pleasure than many works of the highest literary distinction. They were simple, gossiping, everyday, and, if we may be permitted to use the phrase, stupidly honest letters. There was no art in them. "The PRINCESS has had a little girl, and both are doing well." "I hope when I come back from Paris to make the acquaintance of your husband." There was talk of shooting, and of hunting, and of getting a presentation for St. Ann's Asylum, and a buying and selling of ponies, and gossip over measles. The publication of these letters was, doubtless, as Lord PENZANCE said yesterday, "a most improper proceeding;" but the Birmingham paper which commmined this impropriety will receive light punishment from public opinion. They lifted the cloud which oppressed us. The evidence of the PRINCE yesterday must disperse it entirely. He denied, as we have stated, in the clearest and most emphatic manner that there was any truth in the suspicion raised against him, and explained the character and extent of his acquaintance with Lady MORDAUNT . . .

The Prince of WALES has learnt by a painful experience how watchfully he must walk whose life is the property and the study of the world. If Royalty has many privileges, it must suffer not a few privations, and the charm of personal intimacy is one that must be almost denied to the inheritors of Crowns. The PRINCE has had, indeed, before him the pattern of a life, not surely devoid of innocent pleasures, yet so carefully regulated that it was, in the eyes of all men, dedicated to domestic purity. We do not doubt that the future years of the HEIR APPARENT will show the influence of the lesson he has had to learn, and that Englishmen will see exemplified in their KING that is to be a life purified from the semblence even of levity.

ON THIS DAY

February 24 1870

The Prince of Wales, then 29, was subpoenaed as a witness in a petition for divorce filed by Sir Charles Mordaunt. Greatly to his relief he was not cross-examined. Nevertheless his popularity suffered; both he and the princess were hissed while driving in their carriage.

Major-Clinton 'rift' on air drops

■ John Major was struggling to avert a rift with the United States last night as he arrived in Washington for talks with President Clinton only hours after Britain's rejection of an American request for help in parachuting relief supplies to more than 100,000 refugees in Bosnia.

The prime minister was also trying to defuse the row over Airbus subsidies and the controversy over Conservative party support for George Bush's presidential campaign **Page 1**

Long-term jobless passes a million

■ The prime minister acknowledged that long-term unemployment is now too high as the number of people out of work for more than a year rose above a million for the first time in five years. Long-term unemployment has doubled since it began to rise again in 1990 **Page 1**

Hospitals league

League tables of the best performing hospitals are to be drawn up by the health department to help patients choose where they want to be treated. They will be ranked on such indicators as waiting times and cancelled operations **Page 1**

Paris fish riot

A thousand French trawlermen went berserk in Paris's main wholesale food market, destroying hundreds of tons of fish, including some from Britain. Their protest was against cheap imports which they blame for plunging prices **Pages 1, 2**

Home staff sacked

Mentally handicapped young people at a residential home in south London have been subjected to humiliating treatment which has led to three members of staff being sacked. Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, has been urged to set up an enquiry **Page 4**

Seeking the lost

A computerised machine that can alter a photograph of a toddler into a teenager and then adulthood is to be used in the hunt for Britain's estimated 250,000 missing people. The machine "ages" old photographs of adults and children who have disappeared **Page 5**

Chess battle venue

A £1.34 million bid by Manchester has been accepted by the world chess body for the right to host the world championship between Nigel Short, the UK challenger, and Gary Kasparov, the Russian holder **Page 1**

Art for sale

A university college, widely condemned by the art world for selling a Turner seascape to America for £11 million, plans to continue with the sale of other paintings in its collection **Page 3**

War crimes dilemma

America has identified Radovan Karadzic, leader of the Bosnian Serbs, as a possible war criminal, yet he is essential to a peace settlement in Bosnia. While a way may be found round this dilemma, other problems of justice on the battlefield have still to be resolved **Page 13**

Theft on wheels

Lorries worth up to £170,000 are being stolen and cannibalised, leaving many small hauliers in ruins. Scotland Yard is investigating a highly organised and rising trade in stolen lorries, worth more than £30 million a year **Page 5**

Middle East hitch

American efforts to revive the stalled Middle East peace process foundered when Palestinian leaders told Warren Christopher, the visiting US Secretary of State, that they would not resume the 16-month series of negotiations with Israel until all Palestinian deportees were repatriated from southern Lebanon **Page 12**

For sale, a £34,000 car booty

■ The car boot sale, a Sunday morning institution for the exchange of naught but the dregs of family junk, trios of flying ducks and yet another framed print of that ghastly green woman from Boots, has yielded a picture that goes up for sale in New York next month. It is expected to make more than £34,000 **Page 1**



SIMON WALKER

Pan handled: Lesley Byrne, a PE teacher, winning the Olney pancake race, Buckinghamshire, for the third time, in 1 min 7 sec

Debt problem: Bad debts cost the National Westminster Bank £1.9 billion last year but pre-tax profits rose to £405 million from £110 million after gains in commissions **Pages 21, 25**

City fraud: The cost of City fraud rose to £468 million last year and a report warns that the figure is the tip of an iceberg **Page 21**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 20.3 to 2,818, affected by fears of further cash calls. Sterling eased against the mark, closing down 2.06 pfennigs at DM2.3544, but was unchanged against the dollar at $1.4560 amid concern over the US recovery **Page 24**

Own goal: Brazil's unparalleled capacity to produce great players over the past 40 years is under threat from the social and financial paralysis that is strangling the country **Page 38**

Cricket: India took less than three hours to beat England in the final test match at Bombay and complete a whitewash in the three-match series. Graham Gooch is considering his future as England captain **Page 40**

Football: Tottenham Hotspur may withdraw Nick Barmby from the England team for the world youth championship, risking a fine from the Football Association and a possible ban from the FA Cup, because the championship clashes with the FA Cup sixth round **Page 38**

Inner city crime: As John Major spearheads a crusade against crime, reporters from *The Times* investigated the impact of young persistent offenders in two areas of inner London. A vivid picture emerges of 48 hours in the life of two police stations and of the people who became involved in 102 crimes **Page 14**

Seals of authority: The subtle shifts of street fashion for men are hard to keep up with. Rings have moved from earlobes to fingers. Big rings, many rings, *gold* rings, rings which might literally knock your eye out. What we are talking about here is rings with *attitude* **Page 15**

Gershwin crazy: Last year's Broadway hit *Crazy for You* is billed as a new Gershwin musical but ingeniously reworks a long-forgotten show with classic tunes. Now it is about to open in London. **Page 34**

Matthau on radio: Radio 3 enticed Walter Matthau to star in a new play by Fay Weldon and he carried the eccentric drama **Page 35**

Super supermarket: The architect Jeremy Dixon has designed a spectacular supermarket in Plymouth, with huge white sails evoking the city's nautical links **Page 36**

Cardboard army: A new theatre company draws its dramas — and its actors — from the ranks of London's homeless **Page 34**

All change: "The Mirror Group is being run by a man who by temperament and belief is unsuited to the task. The intriguing question concerns more than the future of three newspapers. How long will the banks go on supporting a decision which, whatever its superficial attractions in the autumn, was clearly a mistake?" Roy Hattersley on David Montgomery **Page 32**

Battle lines: After an uneasy truce of several years, planners and architects are fighting again. The cause? A small exhibition at the Royal Institute of British Architects building in the West End **Page 31**



Richard Branson put back a deadline for a settlement with British Airways after its negotiators appeared to make conciliatory moves Page 2



Sophia Schliemann in 1873, wearing a Trojan treasure discovered by her husband. A new dig at Troy shows he missed clues to Homer Page 4



Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber may open his country estate to make his extensive Victorian art collection accessible to the public Page 2



Hillary Clinton is not above seeking advice. But when she announces that she turns to Eleanor Roosevelt for it, eyebrows are raised Page 12

TV PREVIEWS

Jonathan Price plays a 19th century prophet of doom served by seven young women in Jane Rogers' fact-based drama *Mr Wroe's Virgins* (BBC2, 9.25pm) **Page 39**

COMMENT

Present imperfect

Some political observers predict the coming of a new Leviathan to plug the gap in authority. But there are more immediate political strategies for the government to adopt in the face of moral alarm **Page 17**

Steel curtain

It is scarcely in the long-term interests of the West to freeze the East out of its market ... it is to the West that the unemployed steel workers of central Europe will march in search of work **Page 17**

SIMON JENKINS

I find the moral self-righteousness of age even worse than the bumptious iconoclasm of youth. Each generation seeks to excuse its own inadequacy by claiming that the next is less caring, less intelligent, more ugly, more criminal. This daftness only becomes pernicious when it turns to false policy. Every three or four years, weak home secretaries come up with some new idea for "getting tough with the young". Britain incarcerates more young people than any other country in Europe **Page 16**

ANTHONY LEWIS

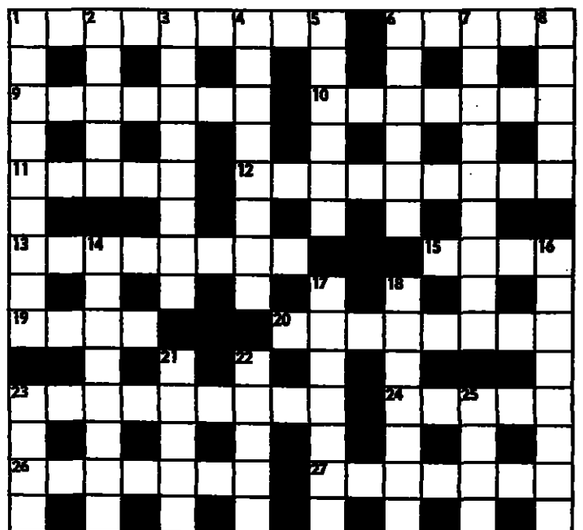
"It is of the highest public importance that a democratically elected governmental body, or indeed any governmental body, should be opened to uninhibited public criticism." The quotation might come from the United States Supreme Court, protecting freedom of the press under the American constitution. In fact it is from Lord Keith of Kinkel's judgment in the libel case of Derbyshire County Council v Times Newspapers **Page 16**

Sir Nicholas Henderson, former ambassador to the United States, writes that British-American relations will not be damaged by the Tories' visit to the Republicans **Page 17**

At the end of world war II the allies had in custody most of the major accused war criminals. That is not the case in former Yugoslavia. To give force to its intention, the United Nations should be ready to apply sanctions to states that harbour suspected war criminals.

Los Angeles Times

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ACROSS

1 Just the place to try to get money from the horses (9).
6 Many sheets of paper required for an illusion (5).
9 Inexperience causes sloth in the medley event (7).
10 Essayist finds a way to criticize (7).
11 This red is nearly gold (5).
12 Music lighter, perhaps, for a fairground attraction (9).
13 Lying about assuming an attitude (8).
15 Prohibited, say, from having a slice of bacon (4).
19 Warning to look both ways (4).
20 Titled lady found in pubs that accept singles (8).
23 Field boundary perhaps and play defensively (9).
24 One animal is about the same as another (2-3).
26 "Get thee to a _____." (*Hamlet*) (7).
27 Butt in with one no-trump — cheeky! (7).
28 Thin film — director unknown (5).
29 Directed characters in great duel (9).

DOWN

1 Formerly tuppence a trip? An outrage — it was only worth three ha'pence (9).
2 Terrible rain at a point in the Highlands (5).
3 Speculate about article on zero inflation (8).
4 Grace's happy event (8).
5 Some of René Clair's lightest confections (6).
6 Wizard American lawyer begins to cause expense (6).
7 Able, perhaps, to make speech complicated (9).
8 Note boy raised in the anthem (5).
14 I, for instance, may go to church to pass judgment (9).
16 Mess of dried sage proved unsatisfactory (9).
17 Side getting together for motor sport (8).
18 Plato — his disorder might have been cured here! (8).
21 The woman's tolerant, not having a dissenting view (6).
22 Tom caught sight of note in your keeping (6).
23 Foreigner escaping from Belsen or Auschwitz (5).
25 Put off diet at first by relative (5).

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Most parts of England and Wales will start today rather cloudy with perhaps some drizzle in places. This afternoon, some brighter spells will develop, mainly in the south and the east. Northern Ireland and western parts of Scotland will be cloudy, with some outbreaks of rain, which will spread into eastern Scotland and northern parts of England later. Outlook: becoming colder with blustery wintry showers.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

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Dubrovnik	5	41	s	Santiago*	22	72	s
Faro	15	59	s	Seoul	-3	27	s
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Le Toquet	3	37	s	Venice	5	41	s
Lisbon	11	52	s	Vienna	-2	28	f
Locarno	4	39	f	Warsaw	-5	23	c
London	6	43	r	Wash'ton*	12	54	s
L Angels*	14	57	f	Wel'nton	14	57	d
Luxembg	-3	27	f	Zurich	-3	27	f

* denotes figures are latest available

Yesterday: to 6pm, 6C (46F); 6pm to 6am, 1C (34F). Humidity: 6pm, 40 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.3hr. sea level, 6pm, 1,030.9 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

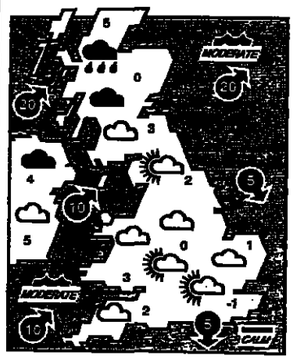
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Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.7hr.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.9	0.04	7	45	sleet
Anglesey	2.4	0.18	9	48	drizzle
Aviemore	1.3	0.08	8	46	bright
Belfast	2.3	0.01	9	48	bright
Birmingham	2.6	-	7	45	bright
Bognor Regis	5.6	-	7	45	bright
Bournemouth	6.6	-	8	46	sunny
Bristol	1.2	-	9	48	shower
Buxton	0.1	-	5	41	cloudy
Cardiff	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Clacton	2.1	0.01	5	41	sleet
Cromer	1.1	0.05	5	41	snow
Douglas	-	0.07	10	50	cloudy
Edinburgh	2.2	0.04	9	48	rain
Eskdalemuir	0.6	0.05	7	45	shower
Falmouth	0.5	0.09	9	48	cloudy
Folkestone	2.4	-	6	43	sleet
Glasgow	1.8	-	12	54	bright
Guernsey	5.9	-	10	50	sunny
Hastings	2.5	-	6	43	snow
Hunstanton	-	0.14	4	39	sleet
Jersey	6.4	-	8	46	sunny
Kinloss	1.5	0.09	9	48	rain
Leeds	1.1	-	8	46	cloudy
Lerwick	0.1	-	5	41	cloudy
Littlehampton	4.9	-	7	45	bright
Liverpool	0.1	-	7	45	cloudy
London	0.7	-	7	45	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.7	0.06	5	41	snow
Manchester	1.2	-	7	45	cloudy
Margate	X	0.02	5	41	sleet
Milnehead	0.4	-	9	48	cloudy
Morecambe	0.1	0.02	6	43	rain
Newcastle	0.6	-	6	43	cloudy
Newquay	0.2	-	9	48	cloudy
Nottingham	3.7	-	7	45	sunny
Penzance	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Plymouth	0.4	0.04	9	48	shower
Poole	5.9	-	8	46	bright
Prestwick	3.2	0.02	11	52	bright
Scarborough	0.5	0.08	5	41	sleet
Scilly Isles	2.4	0.15	10	50	bright
Shanklin	6.0	-	8	46	sunny
Southend	0.8	-	5	41	snow
Southsea	5.8	-	8	46	bright
Stornoway	1.3	0.06	9	48	drizzle
Teignmouth	0.3	-	11	52	cloudy
Tenby	1.5	0.08	10	50	cloudy
Tiree	1.9	0.01	10	50	drizzle
Torquay	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Weymouth	3.4	-	10	50	bright
Wick	4.7	0.04	9	48	shower
Worthing	2.1	-	7	45	bright

X denotes not available





London 5.32 pm to 6.55 am
Bristol 5.42 pm to 7.06 am
Edinburgh 5.36 pm to 7.14 am
Manchester 5.37 pm to 7.06 am
Penzance 5.56 pm to 7.14 am

Sun rises: 8.57 am
Sun sets: 5.32 pm
Moon rises 7.34 am
Moon sets 9.07 pm
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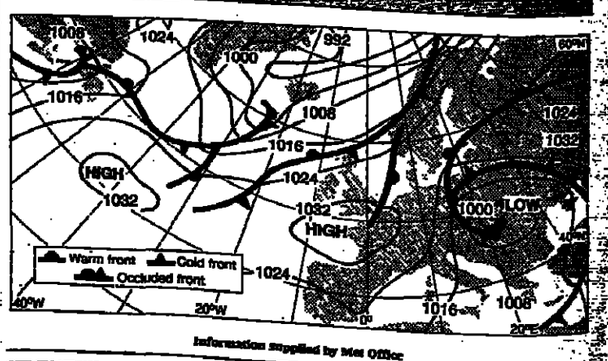
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B'mgham	7	45	s	Inverness	7	45	c
Blackpool	5	41	s	Jersey	5	41	c
Bristol	6	43	s	London	6	43	f
Cardiff	7	45	s	M'nchster	6	43	f
Edinburgh	8	46	c	Newcastle	6	43	s
Glasgow	8	46	c	R'nildway	7	45	c

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.21	7.0	3.43	7.0
Aberdeen	2.50	4.0	2.49	4.2
Avonmouth	8.48	13.0	9.00	12.8
Belfast	12.22	3.3	12.34	3.4
Cardiff	8.34	12.0	8.45	11.8
Devonport	7.15	5.3	7.32	5.2
Dover	12.22	6.6	12.35	6.3
Falmouth	6.45	5.1	7.02	5.0
Glasgow	2.28	4.5	2.40	4.7
Harwich	1.14	3.9	1.34	3.9
Holyhead	11.51	5.5		
Hull	7.52	7.2	7.59	7.6
Ilfracombe	7.31	9.0	7.44	8.8
King's Lynn	8.07	6.2	8.07	6.6
Leith	4.12	5.2	4.09	6.3

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	12.35	9.0	12.50	9.2
Lowestoft	11.20	2.2	11.09	2.4
Margate	1.21	4.8	1.49	4.5
Milford Haven	7.48	6.9	8.01	6.7
Newquay	6.38	6.9	6.52	6.7
Oban	7.16	4.0	7.20	3.9
Penzance	6.15	5.4	6.33	5.3
Portland	6.15	2.0	6.32	1.9
Portsmouth	12.39	4.7	12.51	4.6
Shoreham	12.33	6.0	12.44	5.9
Southampton	12.18	4.4	12.23	4.4
Swansea	7.52	9.3	8.04	9.0
Tees	5.12	5.0	5.18	5.3
W'ton-on-Nze	1.08	4.2	1.27	4.1

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.19	1.99
Austria Sch	17.70	16.20
Belgium Fr	51.80	47.40
Canada $	1.95	1.79
Denmark Kr	9.68	8.88
Finland Mrk	9.14	8.34
France Fr	8.48	7.78
Germany Dm	2.50	2.30
Greece Dr	340.00	315.00
Hong Kong $	11.91	10.91
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Italy Lira	2405.00	2240.00
Japan Yen	187.50	168.50
Netherlands Gld	2.82	2.58
Norway Kr	10.68	9.98
Portugal Esc	232.25	212.25
South Africa Rd	5.30	4.60
Spain Pta	177.00	164.00
Sweden Kr	11.77	10.97
Switzerland Fr	2.295	2.115
Turkey Lira	14100.0	13100.0
USA $	1.545	1.42



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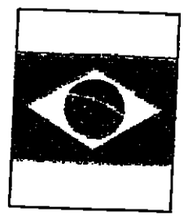
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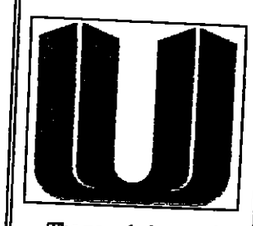


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THE POUND

US $ 1.4560 (same)
German mark....2.3544 (-0.0206)
Exchange index..... 77.0 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 2818.0 (-20.3)
Dow Jones 3340.83 (-2.16)*
Nikkei Avge 16863.15 (+42.54)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6⅛-6 1/16%
US Federal Funds 2⅞%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.94-2.92%*
Long Bond..... 6.85%*

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London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 329.20 PM 329.60
Close 329.30-329.70
New York:
Comex 330.05-330.55*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI.....137.9 January (1.7%)
* Denotes midday trading price

NatWest's bad debt provision rises to £1.9bn

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

■ Lord Alexander, NatWest chairman, and Derek Wanless, chief executive, blamed the effect of recession on customers and want an end to "extreme economic cycles"

NATIONAL Westminster Bank has been forced to make £1.9 billion provisions against bad debts, most of them in relation to loans to personal customers, small and medium-sized businesses and professional firms.

Derek Wanless, NatWest's chief executive, yesterday blamed the higher than expected figure on the effect of recession on the bank's customers. Concern over the size of provisions sent the shares down 16p to 443p.

Mr Wanless said the bank had experienced three years of heavy provisioning. "We have already acknowledged that some poor lending decisions in the heady years of the late eighties contributed to the problems. However, it is the length and depth of the recession, not poor decisions, which are now the over-riding reasons for our high bad debt charge."

After the provisions, and after exceptional costs of £135 million, NatWest raised pre-tax profits for 1992 by 268 per cent to £405 million. The exceptional charges include the £101 million cost of cutting staffing levels and a £29 million provision for the fall in the value of properties that are surplus to requirements.

The trading surplus before provisions was up 20 per cent to £2.43 billion. The dividend was held at 17.5p.

Analysts had been hoping to see a reduction in the provisions figure, which compares with £1.875 billion in 1992.

Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman, called for an end to extreme economic cycles and said the level of provisions showed "just how important it is for this country to strive to secure steady growth on a low-inflationary basis".

Mr Wanless said almost 70 per cent of the provisions last year came from problems in UK branch banking and added: "The problems are most intense at the bottom end of the market." Almost half of UK branch banking provisions were for debts of less than £50,000.

Provisions for loans to small businesses increased from £500 million in 1991 to more than £550 million.

NatWest's return on capital was just 4.5 per cent. Lord Alexander said the target is a return of 17.5 per cent. The total capital ratio increased from 9.6 per cent to 9.8 per cent, but the key tier 1 capital ratio fell from 5.5 per cent to 5.2 per cent, hurt by a £93 million adjustment in the revaluation of its property and by sterling weakness.

As well as making the £29 million provision for falling property values, the bank estimated that the value of other freehold properties fell £268 million, but Mr Wanless said the directors did not consider the fall to be permanent. If the entire fall in property value had been taken into account when calculating capital ratios, the tier 1 ratio would have fallen to about 5 per cent. NatWest stripped out 7,200 jobs last year and plans another 4,000 cuts this year. Costs increased 6 per cent to £4.45 billion, mostly because of the effect of translating foreign exchange earnings into sterling.

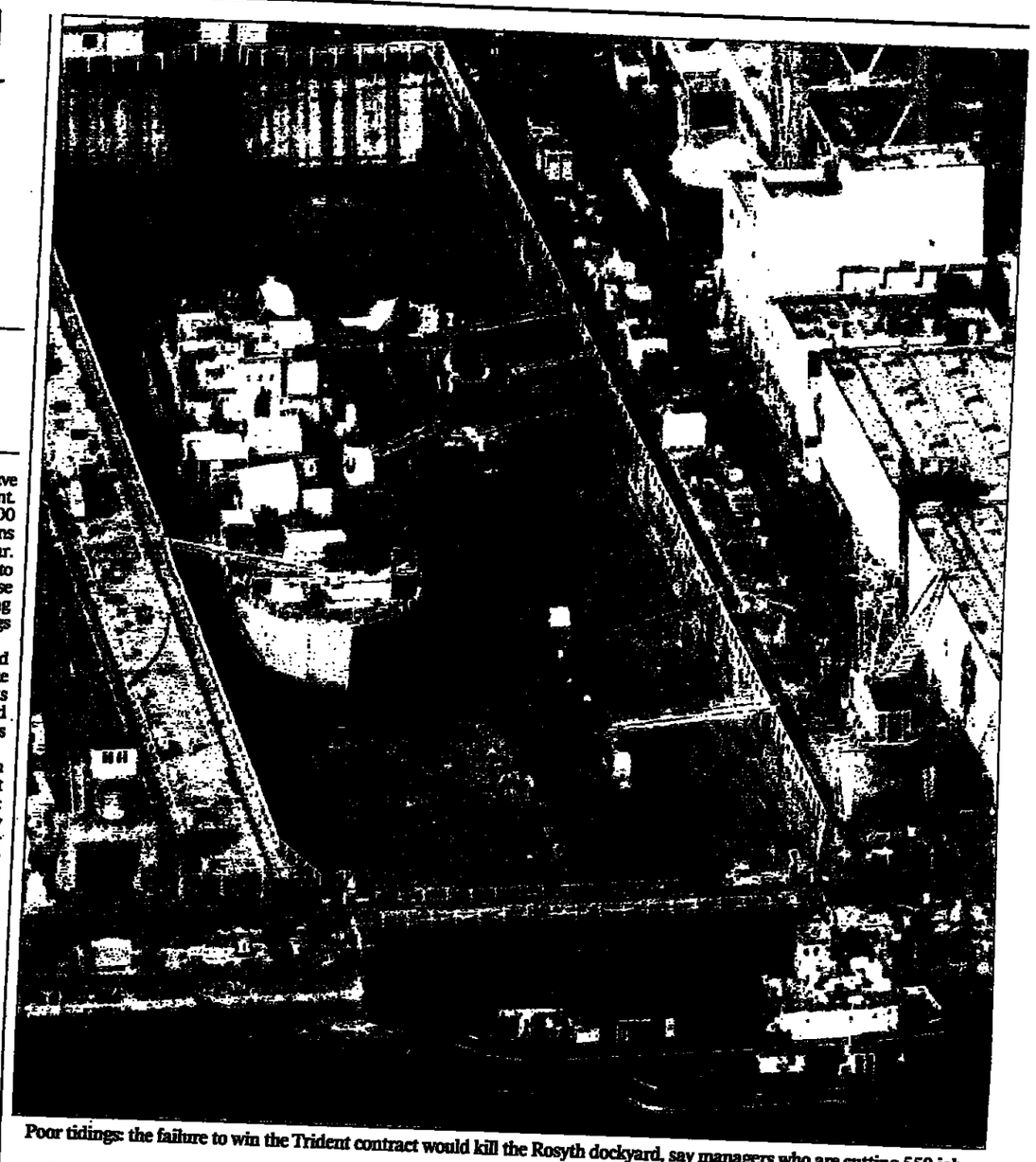
Lord Alexander dismissed talk that the bank would make a rights issue to strengthen its balance sheet to fund demand for loans as the country comes out of recession.

Hinting at a reintroduction of bank charges for current account customers, he said: "The bank is a service industry and we will ultimately stand or fall on our ability to deliver what our customers want at a price they are prepared to pay. We have to be properly rewarded for our services.". But he said there were "no current plans to introduce charges for personal customers whose accounts are in credit".

UK branch business increased losses from £66 million to £140 million after bad debts. NatWest Bancorp in the US returned to the the black with £109 million profit (£182 million loss), while international business increased profits from £43 million to £184 million.

NatWest Markets, the global market trading and corporate and investment banking activities, had lower profits at £252 million, compared with £315 million.

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Poor tidings: the failure to win the Trident contract would kill the Rosyth dockyard, say managers who are cutting 550 jobs

Rosyth anchors survival to job cuts

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Navy Dockyard at Rosyth in Fife is to cut 550 jobs from its workforce of 4,100. The dockyard, which is fighting the Devonport yard in Plymouth for the contract to maintain the Trident nuclear submarine fleet, said the cuts had nothing to do with Rosyth's pitch for that business.

A spokesman for Babcock Thorn, which manages the dockyard, said 200 white collar and 350 blue collar posts would go. The management hopes the jobs will go through "voluntary severance". However, if the required numbers are not achieved over the next four weeks by this method, compulsory redundancies may be necessary.

The company said the job cuts were the result of a greater reduction than it had expected in the Ministry of Defence work programme and mounting pressure to provide best value for money against potential competitors. It said it was "vital to reduce overhead costs substantially to improve the dockyard's competitive position".

The spokesman for the company said it could not afford to wait until the Trident decision was announced. He said that it was impossible to say whether more jobs would go if the company lost the Trident contract.

The Scottish workforce was told by Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, at the beginning of the month that the yard would stay open whether Rosyth won the Trident contract or not. A decision on the contract is not expected until early April. Management and trade union leaders have said that if Rosyth loses the contract and wins only surface ship refitting work from the MOD, the Fife dockard will suffer a slow death over five years.

Fraud cases soar to £468m

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE value of reported fraud in Britain rocketed to £468 million last year, a threefold increase on 1987, and analysts say the real figure could be ten times as large.

The number of cases involving £100,000 or more has nearly doubled from 45 to 86 in five years, according to a survey by KPMG Forensic Accounting. The 1992 figures are distorted by two massive cases, the £140 million Maxwell pension fund charges and £142 million from Glen International, dating back to 1987 but included because charges were brought last year.

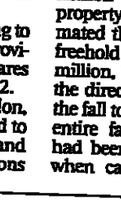
Even when these are stripped out, evidence remains of a notable rise in reported fraud. Philip Haberman, a partner specialising in fraud investigation at KPMG, said up to 90 per cent of frauds may go unreported, concealing the true extent of the increase. There has been a distinct rise in false insurance claims. Five such cases were reported in the last four months of 1992, more than the total in the past five years. Nearly a quarter of last year's cases involved clients' money.

More solicitors appear to be turning to fraud as a result of the downturn in conveyancing. Last year's cases included nine solicitors alleged to have stolen almost £8 million between them. The Solicitors Complaints Bureau said there were cases of solicitors, mainly sole practitioners, dipping into clients' funds to keep their practices afloat.

Commercial businesses were the victims of nearly a third of larger frauds between 1987 and 1992 at a total value of £473 million. Data suggest London and the South East were worst hit with £385 million in reported fraud, but the high number of cases heard at the Central Criminal Court will have inflated the figures.

The Serious Fraud Office had 60 cases involving £5.3 billion on its books at the end of the 1992 financial year. Frauds on investors accounted for almost 40 per cent of all cases with more than £2 billion wrapped up in the Maxwell and Bank of Credit and Commerce International enquiries.

The shareholders companies deserve



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

ProShare, officially-backed successor to the Wider Share Ownership Council, will this morning launch a service advising companies, among other things, on how to communicate with shareholders and run employee share schemes. The need is there. It is not so clear that many companies care about any but their big City investors.

Most claim to want more private shareholders. For all the lip service paid to small investors in public, however, many big companies regard them with contempt as an expensive nuisance. The company's annual meeting, usually the only direct contact, is seen by boards at best as an opportunity for orchestrated adulation, which is at least positive, and more often as an embarrassing event at which a few eccentrics ask silly questions and freeloaders turn up for corporate hospitality.

Such attitudes are self-fulfilling. If companies expect their shareholders to be ill-informed and ignorant, they will get the shareholders they deserve. Such complacency helps to explain why only about 200,000 of the 10 million people drawn into share ownership by the big privatisations of the eighties ever bought any other shares. If general media attitudes are anything to go by, those who have not made much effective effort to court the private shareholder may feel they have not missed much. Conventional companies, such as Unilever, are congratulated on growing their profits in the recession, but a respectable performance from British Telecom, which has the largest register of shareholders, is damned as shameful exploitation.

The monopoly utilities in which most of us invested are bound to attract criticism. Yet the drive for mass share ownership must be judged a failure in its political aim of changing attitudes to wealth creation by identifying employees and voters with the fortunes of their companies.

There is at least plenty of evidence that day-to-day company performance gains from effort and understanding if employees have relatively big share stakes. Even here, however, many boards are deeply suspicious of workers controlling too many shares, seeing directors options as far more important incentives.For individual companies, the case for making good the steady loss of outside private shareholders is more down to earth than at the social level. Individuals tend to be more loyal than City institutions, for whom shares in different companies are becoming ever more interchangeable and homogeneous. That is useful if you are on the wrong end of a takeover bid.

More positively, people who own shares in a consumer group are more likely to buy its products, shop in its stores or sing its praises. Even at this level, far too few quoted groups treat shareholders as members of the company. Only about a hundred, for instance, offer them serious concessionary discounts. Far fewer want to socialise with their shareholders, even when they sponsor events, or take the trouble to arrange affinity group benefits. By contrast, companies with big registers are only too eager to palm their shareholders off with inadequate summary annual reports by passive selling methods.

There is an even more basic financial case for attracting a stream of individual investors. They can create a steady trickle of demand for a company's shares. If well managed in co-operation with a company's stockbroker, that can subtly alter the balance of supply and demand and bring a relatively higher rating on the Stock Exchange. Private shareholders are more willing to plough their money back by taking extra shares in lieu of dividends. They can also become a steady source of new capital via regular distributions of warrants, as pioneered by BTR. The more capital is raised this way, the better a balance sheet will look and the less the market will fear rights issues.

Pathetically, few companies exploit legal ways to market their owns shares to the public, for instance by special share buying and selling schemes, shareholder perks or by single company personal equity plans — which provide a sensible £3,000 base unit for private investment. Boards that patronise their shareholders or cannot bother to take such proper steps to safeguard their investments are simply failing in their duties.

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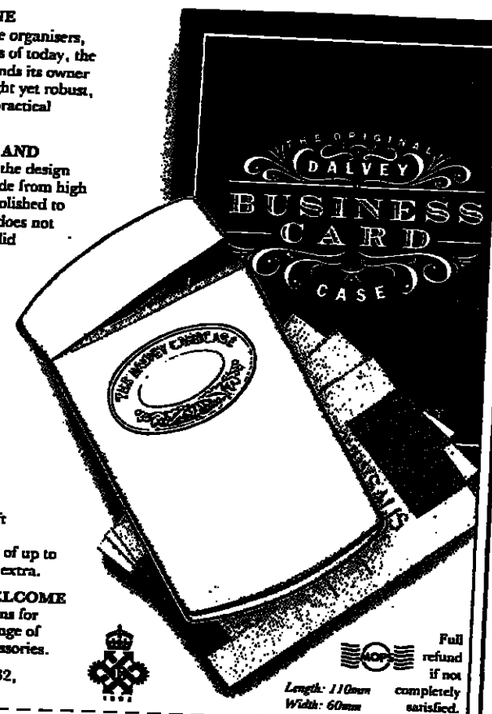
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Power watchdog to probe generators' profit margins


Littlechild: profit watch

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

AN ASSAULT on the profit margins of Britain's two generating companies, National Power and PowerGen, has been signalled by Professor Stephen Littlechild, head of Offer, the electricity industry regulator. The director general has asked for additional information from the companies and will examine their costs and profit margins.

In addition, he plans to tighten regulatory rules under which regional electricity supply companies (Recs), are obliged to make the most "economic" purchases of power. The initiatives, unveiled in his final report on the growing displacement of coal-fired power plants by gas stations, reveal a significant shift in the regulator's attitude towards failings in the power market. An interim study, in December, suggested that the move away from coal, which underlies British Coal's plan to shut 31 pits with the loss of 30,000 miners' jobs, would lead to lower power prices for consumers.

The latest report, while confirming Professor Littlechild's view that past power-buying decisions were justified, acknowledges criticisms of earlier calculations and appears notably more favourable to the coal industry. He makes clear his belief that the pressures behind the switch from coal into gas have eased, and will do so further. "The indications are that gas prices have moved up and that coal prices have moved down."

Highlighting the combined 70 per cent market share of the two generators, Professor Littlechild said only by building gas plants could regional companies escape the duopoly. But "it would be undesirable if the structure of the industry, or the conduct of the major generators, put undue pressure on the Recs to promote new entry at the expense of costs," he added.

Although he had no power to control the generators' prices, Professor Littlechild said he could seek additional powers from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, or trigger an MMC enquiry, if not satisfied. National Power and PowerGen criticised the report's analysis, but said they would co-operate with enquiries into their profitability. "We are confident that they will conclude that we are acting reasonably in the interests of our customers and shareholders," said a PowerGen statement. Despite the acknowledgement of shortcomings in the power market by the cross-party industry select committee, and now by Professor Littlechild, signs are growing that most ministers are reluctant to tackle them, preferring a sticking plaster solution to the coal crisis.

The generators have said they can buy an extra 40 million tonnes of coal over the next five years, but no more. That would mean 200 million tonnes, the same amount as in the past three years, and which led to stockpiling. The impasse has delayed publication of the white paper, originally expected tomorrow, which is to set out a strategy of saving some of the jobs under threat. The cabinet is not now expected to review the options until March 4 at the earliest.

Head of Unilever attacks spread of protectionism

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

■ Despite difficult trading, Unilever's annual profits exceeded £2 billion for the first time as spending on advertising and promotions reached £2.7 billion

MICHAEL Perry, the new chairman of Unilever, the food and consumer goods group, has criticised the advance of protectionism around the world.

Speaking after Unilever reported profits in excess of £2 billion for the first time ever, he said: "Even if there may be a flicker of hope that economic growth might resume sometime in 1993, we are increasingly worried by the unhelpful political trends which are now all too evident.

"The Gatt negotiations have become bogged down and their resolution is long overdue. We strongly support free trade and find the protectionist voices which can now be heard on both sides of the Atlantic to be very disturbing. Similarly, we believe that any policy of discriminatory treatment of foreign companies, wherever it might be mooted, would also be harmful to the world economy.

"Finally, we would be seriously concerned if pursuit of self interest within the European Economic Community were to result in any backtracking from the full implementation of the single market, which in the longer term has to be the engine of growing European prosperity." He added: "One can only hope the current difficulties surrounding the Maastricht treaty can be resolved otherwise the provisions in the treaty will become redundant."

In the year to end-December, Unilever's pre-tax profits rose 13 per cent to £2,029 million on sales up 7 per cent to £24,700 million. Spending on advertising and promotions rose from £2,368 million to £2,734 million and on research from £426 million to £461 million.

Unilever charged an exceptional £91 million for restructuring countered by £16 million of disposal profits, leaving a net £75 million charge for the year, against £43 million a year ago.

Unilever sold 21 businesses and bought 22 during the year, including deals in Thailand, Hungary, Poland, Canada, Chile and Argentina. Acquisitions reached £310 million and disposals fetched £210 million.

The total British dividend rises to 20.8p (18.94p) out of earnings up from 61.62p to 69.14p. In the final quarter, earnings accelerated from 15.8p to 20.3p out of pre-tax profits up from £461 million to £522 million. The shares rose 14p to £11.60.

Debts fell from £1.5 billion to £1.2 billion, 18 per cent of shareholders funds plus debts. Interest charges fell from £276 million to £148 million.

Looking back at 1992, Mr Perry said that "economic recovery proved to be an illusion in many of our major markets" and "regrettably the era of stable exchange rates proved to be shortlived."

The four core divisions contributed 96 per cent of sales against less than 80 per cent ten years ago. Foods turned in £1,088 million (£1,057 million) despite a slip in operating margins to 8.5 (8.9) per cent.

Results at the detergents and personal products divisions improved, while the speciality chemicals unit remained steady at £229 million on margins down from 12.2 per cent to 11.7 per cent.

Mr Perry said that 1992 finished on a higher note than it began. "In itself, that augurs well for 1993, but it is too early to be confident that the economic environment will be any less than in 1992."

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Net accord: David Lloyd Leisure, the sports and leisure group run by David Lloyd, above, the former tennis international, is planning a full listing next month, with a placing and offer for sale that is expected to capitalise the group at about £50 million and net about £10 million of new cash. The group owns and operates seven clubs. Proceeds from the listing will be used to fund future expansion. The terms will be announced on March 4, with dealing due to start on March 19.

Complaints to insurance referee increase sharply

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THE number of complaints handled by Dr Julian Farrand, the insurance ombudsman, has more than doubled since 1991, to 5,576. Last year, the rise was 29 per cent but complaints about financial services are increasing more rapidly.

The office received 65,000 initial enquiries but about 30 per cent were about companies that are not members of the scheme, or were intended for other organisations. Of those dealt with, the ombudsman found in favour of policyholders in 31.5 per cent of cases.

However, where the complaints involved life assurance or long-term investment policies, the adjudications went against insurers in 42 per cent of cases.

This compares with a 16 per cent revision rate for buildings claims, 20 per cent for contents and 21 per cent for motor cases. Life assurance and other long-term cases are the largest single class of cases, accounting for 32 per cent of those completed by the ombudsman.

The scheme paid out £4.5 million last year. The largest award, of £120,000, was for a buildings claim from a policyholder after antique fireplaces were removed from his home, and other damage was done, during renovation. The smallest, of £7.76, was to cover a miscalculation on a motor policy.

To date, 220 cases involving home income plans have been referred to the ombudsman. The complainants are mostly elderly and used the value of their homes to take loans for the purchase of stockmarket-invested bonds.

About a third of the cases have been resolved, and £1 million has been paid out. Awards averaged £55,000. The largest home income payment was £108,000. Dr Farrand reported a tripling of cases involving accidents, sickness and unemployment last year, to 354. He was concerned that details of a policy were not explained when insurance was sold as part of a loan and that misunderstandings about what was covered arose afterwards.

During 1992, completed cases increased by 58 per cent, and the average time from application to completion was reduced from 4.8 months to 3.7. In some cases, such as subsidence claims, the procedure was much longer, because various remedial measures were tried out over a period.

Not all complainants were seeking compensation, Dr Farrand said. Some simply wanted apologies from insurance companies for the treatment they had received.

Howden rights to fund buy

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

HOWDEN Group, the Glasgow engineering company that this year cleared itself from a soured Danish tunnelling machine contract that had dogged it since 1988, is buying a Danish fan company and plans a £22 million investment.

Howden will fund the purchase of Novenco Industries, being sold by Denmark's biggest sugar producer, via a two-for-seven rights issue at 52p, to raise £31.4 million. The balance of rights funds will be used to reduce gearing.

Konrad Johnsen, Howden's chief executive, says Howden will integrate its fan operations with Novenco.

The total purchase price for Novenco is not expected to exceed £9.2 million. Another £7.8 million will be used to repay Novenco's borrowings and a further £5 million for integration costs.

SmithKline Beecham profit rises to £1.1bn

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SMITHKLINE Beecham, the pharmaceutical and consumer goods group, raised pre-tax profits 11 per cent to £1.11 billion in 1992 out of sales up by a similar proportion to £5.21 billion. The results were broadly as expected but the shares rose 3p to 424p.

Analysts believe SmithKline is well placed to cope with the proposed healthcare reforms in America which threaten to reduce prices and profits on drugs. Robert Bauman, the chief executive, said on the Clinton proposals that the company wants "to have an active participation with the administration".

Analysts said that of the 15 per cent growth in drug sales achieved last year by SmithKline none was attributable to price increases. Some prices actually fell, they added.

SmithKline paid an 8.6p dividend for the year to holders of its A shares out of earnings up from 24p to 27.3p. The company drew attention to its new products making £200 million of sales in 1992. These include Seroxat, an anti-depressant; Relafen, an arthritis treatment; Kytril, an anti-emetic; and Havrix, the world's first hepatitis A vaccine.

Sales of Augmentin, the antibiotic, topped $1 billion for the first time, joining Tagamet, the peptic ulcer drug, as SmithKline's second billion dollar drug. Tagamet comes off patent in America during 1994 but SmithKline hopes to gain approval to sell it over the counter.

Pharmaceuticals raised profits from £694 million to £758 million. Animal health slipped from £63 million to £62 million. Consumer brands rose from £232 million to £244 million and clinical laboratories rose from £68 million to £77 million.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BAe shares fall on cut in half-time dividend

BRITISH Aerospace, which is due to report full-year results today, yesterday declared a half-year dividend for 1992 of 3p a share, a cut from the 8.9p declared for the first half of 1991. The 3p payout is as expected at the time of the £1 billion restructuring announced in September.

At the time of the restructuring and the half-year figures, British Aerospace said the dividend would be paid late. It has required both approval from shareholders and the courts. It also had to be declared before the final results, hence the announcement yesterday. The shares fell 9p to 252p on the news. Analysts expect a £1 billion loss for the year, including a £200 million trading deficit, but forecast a recovery in 1993 profits to £100 million or more. British Aerospace recently announced a £4 billion extension to the Al Yamamah contract with Saudi Arabia, which was said to secure 19,000 jobs. The deal was to build 48 Tornado aircraft and is one of the largest-ever export contracts won by a British company.

Allied Radio loss grows

ALLIED Radio, formed in 1991 with the merger of Radio Mercury and County Sound, the commercial radio groups, made a pre-tax loss of £1.72 million in the nine months to end-September, on turnover of £4.55 million. This is the first report from Allied incorporating a full contribution from Radio Mercury and County Sound and compares with a taxable loss of £1.57 million the previous year after a change of year-end. Losses were exacerbated by an exceptional charge of £181,000, relating to reorganisation costs. The loss per share is cut to 3.4p (23.8p loss). Allied said the new financial year had started well, with both local and national airtime revenue in the first quarter ahead of last time.

Baldwin buys chain

BALDWIN, the leisure group, has bought the Muswell's cafe-bar-restaurant chain from Allied-Lyons, the brewer, for £2.65 million. Baldwin, which owns the Simpsons of Cornhill restaurant group, is acquiring 27 Muswell's sites, mainly in the South and South East of England. In the year to March 31, 1992, Muswell's made losses before tax of £483,000. Sandy Singh, Baldwin chief executive, said the acquisition would help the group to expand its brand name restaurant business "and further endorses Baldwin's determination to be a market leader in what it believes to be the growth sector of the industry."

Hewitt lifts payout

HEWITT Group is raising its total dividend to 3p (2.5p) a share, with a proposed 1.75p (1.5p) final, as the industrial ceramics and refractories maker continued its recovery with a 33 per cent advance in full-year profits. A strong performance in the fourth quarter helped the Stoke-on-Trent company lift pre-tax profits from £625,000 to £832,000 in the year to end-December, on turnover up 4.6 per cent to £7.76 million. Profits were boosted by an exceptional gain of £98,000. Earnings rise to 14.8p a share, up from 11.4p last time. Hewitt shares firmed 8p to 188p.

Admiral flies higher

ADMIRAL, the computing services group, continued to make sound progress, despite tough trading conditions. Increased market share and new customers helped pre-tax profits advance 14.8 per cent to £3.99 million in the year to end-December, on turnover ahead 18.3 per cent to £30.9 million. The final dividend is being raised to 3.7p (3.3p), making an increased total of 5.4p (4.8p) for the year. Earnings climbed 10.5 per cent to 24.2p (21.9p) a share. Admiral's year-end cash stood at £4.4 million. The shares firmed 4p to 474p.

Unipart sets record

EMPLOYEES of Unipart, the car parts group, were credited with producing record profits last year. John Neill, chief executive, reported pre-tax profits up to £19.8 million from £15.4 million, and said Unipart, which was privatised via a management-led buyout in 1987, attributed much of its success to the approach it had taken in involving and motivating staff. Sales jumped to £661.4 million from £566.7 million, largely thanks to a contract with Land-Rover. He said: "We have for many years taken a long-term view and invested heavily in our people and our business."

Porvair advances

ACQUISITIONS and a lower interest charge helped boost profits at Porvair, the company that makes microporous textiles and materials for industry, by 20 per cent to £2 million. Turnover rose from £16.7 million to £17.9 million in the year to end-November, with £1 million from Accumatic Filtration and Polyfiltronics, acquired during the year. The pre-tax line benefited from interest savings of £0.16 million due to the rights issue last February, and a £0.2 million contribution from new businesses. Porvair's total dividend is 3.6p, up 13 per cent. Earnings per share were 11.6p against 10.5p.

British Vita expands

BRITISH Vita is expanding its North American foam manufacturing operations with two acquisitions totalling £4.5 million. Vita is buying the assets and goodwill of Nabors Manufacturing Company, a business with turnover of £8 million and based in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Vita is a supplier to Nabors and the acquisition will extend Vita's coverage to locations in North Carolina and Mississippi. In the second deal, Vitafoam Products Canada, is buying the assets and business of Pre Fab Cushioning Products, a C$10 million (£5.46 million) turnover company in Toronto.

Amstrad back in black with £5m interims


Best-seller: Alan Sugar said turnround was achieved in the traditional high sales season

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

ALAN Sugar, whose attempt to take his Amstrad computer group private in December was defeated by shareholders, yesterday announced interim pre-tax profits of £5.61 million, against a previous £11.9 million pre-tax loss, and declared a 0.2p (0.27p) a share interim dividend.

Sales for the six months to end-December were £195.6 million (£196.1 million). Operating profit before exceptional items was £13.5 million, compared with a previous £16.2 million operating loss.

Mr Sugar said the turnround had been achieved "during our traditional best-selling season". Satellite equipment sales in Britain and Germany had been buoyant, there had been reasonable growth in facsimile sales and in the audio market, but personal computer sales had been poor and some had been at zero margin. Amstrad said trading conditions remained difficult and gave a warning that the second half might be merely break-even. Price increases in all product categories were planned because of adverse exchange rates.

In the full year to June 30, Amstrad reported a £70.7 million pre-tax loss, and after an 0.27p a share interim dividend, passed the year's final.

Amstrad's policy is to pay dividends from profits. A final dividend for the 1993 financial year will be considered in the light of second-half trading results, the group said.

In the course of last year's buy-out plan, Mr Sugar said Amstrad had no blockbuster products up its sleeve and there was little prospect of a significant regular dividend. Costs of £1.1 million associated with the 30p proposal have been charged against latest interim profits. Mr Sugar was not available for comment yesterday. His office said he felt his statement "said it all".

Amstrad is rationalising certain activities and made a £7.24 million provision for restructuring Spanish operations. The appointment of two non-executives is expected soon.

Gideon Fiegel, head of the shareholders' club that successfully opposed the buy-out, said the interim report was a mixture of good and bad news. He was "very disappointed" that £1.1 million "of our money" had been charged against profits, and asserted this would not have happened had non-executives been on the board. He was encouraged that the cash position had improved to £111.9 million, which he says, should enable Amstrad to pay a sensible final dividend.

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Caithness in buyout talks with Drambuie

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE management and employees of Caithness Glass are negotiating a buyout from Drambuie, the company's parent group. Drambuie acquired the luxury glassware company only two years ago for £3.4 million.

Alistair Mair, Caithness Glass's chairman, confirmed that the company had been in talks with Drambuie and with financiers about the possibility of an MBO since the beginning of the year.

The deal is not expected to be completed for several months. The employees currently own 20 per cent of the company, a hangover from a 1984 MBO headed by Mr Mair.

Drambuie acquired an 80 per cent stake in Caithness Glass for £3.38 million in February 1991, as part of a diversification programme. Drambuie, still controlled by the founding Mackinnon family, has been badly hit by the recession; in October 1991, it announced an annual loss of about £4 million.

The company is shortly expected to sell Cockburn's of Leith, its wine merchant subsidiary. Peter Shakeshaft and Stuart Hall, who were brought in to oversee the diversification process, left Drambuie last year.

Caithness Glass, which has also suffered in the recession, employs 240 people in Wick, Perth and Oban. Its only non-Scottish plant, in Norfolk, was closed last year with the loss of 80 jobs.

☐ Another 710 jobs have been saved at Lilley, the construction group, following the sale of Robison & Davidson, a contracting subsidiary, to its management.

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Sedgwick cautious as profits slip to £58.2m

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

A SHARP contraction in the London insurance market, tough conditions in America and lower interest rates depressed profits at Sedgwick Group, the insurance broking and services group.

Pre-tax profits fell to £58.2 million for the year ended December from £82.4 million last time. The fall, in line with market expectations, was accompanied by a final dividend of 3p, taking the total to 6p, half last year's level of 12p.

The company remained cautious about prospects for 1993. Sax Riley, chief executive, said the first seven weeks of 1993 had been unpredictable. There were signs of improvement in American markets but rates had not yet turned. He said the only good thing was that the market would be flat this year, an improvement on the last few years when rates had fallen.

Prospects in Britain continue to look bleak with the sharp contraction in the reinsurance market and the lack of adequate capacity. Mr Riley said: "The absence of sufficient capacity is a problem for the entire insurance industry. We need more capital in the market. Rates are right but we need confidence to return in order to attract corporate capital."

The company continued its policy of keeping a tight hold on expenses, which rose 2 per cent to £609 million in 1992. However, brokerage and fees only advanced 1 per cent to £622 million. Mr Riley said he was not happy with the group's underlying performance and the company was now turning its attention to revenue growth.

Because of this thin profit margin Sedgwick has tended to rely partly on interest and investment income for profits. However, lower British and American interest rates last year resulted in a £10.2 million drop in interest and investment income to £53 million. The fall would, however, have been greater if the company had not hedged against interest rate movements.

A geographical breakdown of profits reveals that the British operations suffered the largest fall in profits, dropping from £43.6 million to £27.7 million. This was mainly due to a £6 million loss from its share in River Thames Insurance Group, the London reinsurance company. In addition, EW Payne, a reinsurance business, saw brokerage and fees fall because of contracting market capacity.

The group's consulting business continued to expand with a 10 per cent increase in revenue. The company's stated strategy is to expand the business so that it contributes 50 per cent to revenue, from its present 20 per cent, with brokerage providing 80 per cent. Shareholders' funds fell by £73.2 million because of a change in accounting policy on the valuation of long leasehold and freehold properties. The change, to valuing the properties on an historic cost basis, was made because of the volatility in property values.

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GrandMet investors run gauntlet of pub rent protest



PETER TREVINOR

Pub sign of discontent: an Inntrepreneur tenant makes her protest before yesterday's GrandMet annual meeting at the Grosvenor House Hotel

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

GRAND Metropolitan, one of the world's biggest drinks companies, shrugged off criticism at its annual meeting that it is forcing hundreds of public house landlords into bankruptcy through soaring rent increases in its Inntrepreneur Estates Ltd (IEL) subsidiary.

Shareholders had to pass a vociferous picket of representatives of the landlords outside London's Grosvenor House Hotel yesterday to hear Sir Allen Sheppard tell the meeting: "You cannot simply be a nice guy, much as you would like to be."

David Tagg, chief executive of GrandMet's property and UK retailing arm, said it was regrettable when some Inntrepreneur lessees got into trading difficulties, but, he said, sometimes it was in the commercial interests of the company and its shareholders to take legal action and repossess pubs.

IEL is jointly owned by GrandMet and Courage, the UK brewer owned by Foster's of Australia, with GrandMet managing the venture. GrandMet said the overwhelming majority of Inntrepreneur pubs were trading successfully.

Yorkshire Chemicals seeks £24m

BY OUR CITY STAFF

YORKSHIRE Chemicals is raising £24.3 million to finance capital spending via a one-for-five rights issue at 330p a share. This compares with a market price of 400p, off 1p, as brokers reacted favourably yesterday to a slight drop in pre-tax profits to £10.1 million in 1992 (£11 million).

Yorkshire Chemicals, which exports 90 per cent of output, plans to spend £16 million this year and £9 million next on plant and buildings in its main areas of activity, against £10.1 million spent last year and £5.5 million in 1991.

The group said demand for its products remained strong. But margins had suffered because production capacity constraints had led it to increasingly out-source work over the past three years. The cash-raising exercise and higher capital expenditure were aimed at addressing this situation.

Phillip Lowe, chairman and managing director, said significant capital spend projects this year included centralising the Australian pigments operation on a new greenfield site near Melbourne, and increasing drying capacity for the UK dye-making business.

Turnover rose 5.6 per cent to £98 million last year, with earnings per share falling to 18.4p (20p). A final dividend of 5.15p makes 7.65p for the year, against 7.25p.

BPB issue to reshape borrowings

BY CARL MORTISHED

BPB Industries, the plasterboard manufacturer, has launched a £64 million euroconvertible bond issue and forecast a cut in the final dividend to 4.8p (7.3p) per ordinary share. Shares in the group fell 17p to 217p.

The reduction takes the payout for the year to next month down to 7.5p from 11.3p, after November's cut in the interim payout from 4p to 2.7p. Peter Sydney-Smith, finance director of BPB, said the cut was in line with market expectations and was due to conditions in the plasterboard market, which remain difficult in Britain and France.

The new bonds carry a coupon of 7.25 per cent and are convertible into ordinary shares at a price of 258p, a 15.7 per cent premium to the share price. The bonds, which mature in 15 years, are redeemable at the company's option in five years. Initial demand for yesterday's issue persuaded the company to increase the offering from £60 million to £64 million.

Mr Sydney-Smith said the proceeds would be used to lengthen the maturity profile of the company's borrowings, which total £266 million. The bonds should reduce the proportion of debt repayable within 18 months from 66 per cent to 40 per cent.

Debt provisions hit Bradford & Bingley

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

PROVISIONS for bad debt were increased by 166 per cent by the Bradford & Bingley Building Society last year, from £30.4 million to £81 million. Irrecoverable interest increased from £17.2 million to £44.5 million. As a result, the seventh-largest society reported a fall in pre-tax profits to £91.3 million, compared with £107.8 million in 1991.

The society said that the continuing recession and rising unemployment caused difficulties for some borrowers. As a result, arrears remained high, although the number of properties taken into possession were 38 per cent below the level for the previous year.

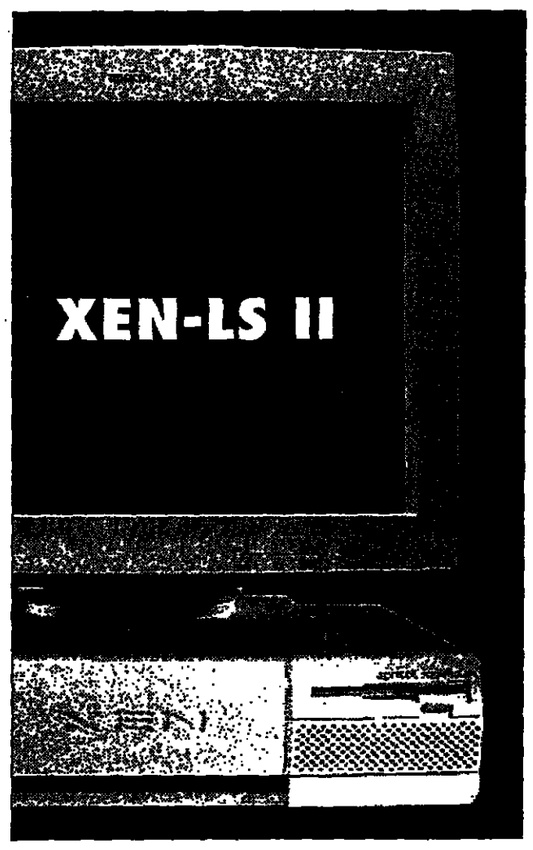
More than £50 million of the £125 million total for provisions and irrecoverable interest is for the old Leamington Spa Building Society. The society was taken over by the Bradford & Bingley in 1991, when it appeared that it would have to report a loss. When the Leamington Spa was taken over, it had a book value of £1 billion. At the end of 1992, only £400 million of its loans were fully performing, John Smith, finance director, said.

The Bradford & Bingley launched a scheme last November to rent out up to 400 of its repossessed properties over a year. A year earlier, it had tried to encourage people to buy such properties by offering fixed-rate mortgages at 6.99 per cent. The rate has since been cut to 4.99 per cent. The number of properties in possession has risen to 2,400.

The society's operating profits rose 24.7 per cent to £172 million and assets grew 9.6 per cent to £13 billion. Its capital base was strengthened by a £50 million issue of permanent interest bearing shares. The cost income ratio was cut from 47.1p for each pound of income to 44.7p in 1992.

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Philips to cement link with Grundig

FROM REUTER IN EINDHOVEN

PHILIPS Electronics is to consolidate Grundig, its 31.6 per cent-owned associate, in its accounts, beginning with the 1992 figures. Philips said it would increase co-operation with the loss-making German firm, particularly to avoid duplication of effort in development and manufacturing.

"It has become increasingly apparent that lower sales and shrinking margins necessitate the optimal exploitation of economies of scale," Philips said. The Dutch company has an agreement with Grundig, dating from 1984, to provide funds to finance any Grundig losses and to guarantee a minimum dividend. It said the rationalisation would not infringe on Grundig's corporate identity or brand image.

"We have provided funds for 100 per cent of any Grundig losses since 1984 and continue to do so," said Ben Geerts of Philips. The payments have never been disclosed in Philips accounts, and assume significance now that Grundig, best known for audio and television products, is expected to lose DM200 million in 1992 (DM19 million losses).

He said Philips would break out the cost of the funding with its year-end results on March 4. These 1992 results would consolidate Grundig in Philips accounts, but in itself would have no effect on the Dutch group's bottom line, he said.

Grundig is 68.4 per cent owned by the Max Grundig Stichtung, a private foundation. The shares are not listed. Mr Geerts said Philips had no plans to increase its stake.

Joost van Beek, electronics share analyst at Pierson Heldring en Pierson, believed Philips had guaranteed a minimum dividend of 2 million guilders (£770,000) a year to the private foundation. "It is a tradition of Philips to increase its stake and consolidate when it wants to take management control of an associate. In the past this has not always worked out well," he said.

STOCK MARKET

Cash call worries drag prices sharply lower

REVIVED fears that a rights issue queue is beginning to form outside the Square Mile dragged share prices on the London stock market sharply lower in thin trading.

The FT-SE 100 index closed just above its worst of the day, with a fall of 20.3 points to 2,818. It had been almost 25 points lower at one stage, but benefited from a rally on Wall Street. Turnover was less than 600 million shares, few investors being willing to open fresh positions.

Talk of a rights issue queue was rekindled by larger than expected bad debt provisions from **National Westminster Bank**, which took the shine off full-year figures and left the shares 12p lower at 447p. Pre-tax profits recovered from £110 million to £405 million and earnings per share rose from 3p to 12p; the dividend was maintained but provisions grew from £1.87 billion to £1.9 billion. The group said trading conditions in the UK remained difficult.

NatWest denied it was considering a rights issue but the size of its provisions raised fears that other companies might be considering raising extra cash to strengthen their balance sheets.

Barclays, down 19p at 430p, is considered a possible candidate for a rights issue; its figures are due soon. Falls were also seen in **Standard Chartered**, down 2p to 640p, **Bank of Scotland**, 5p to 133p, **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 3p to 237p and **HSBC**, 4p to 584p. Gains were recorded by **Abbey National**, up 1p to 386p and by **Lloyds Bank**, up 3p to 520p. Revived bid speculation lifted **TSB Group** 1p to 173p; **BAT Industries**, down 31p at 928p, is being mentioned as a possible suitor.

BAT has problems of its own; it is worried by the proposed rise in US excise duty. **Rothmans International B** fell 17p to 603p. The falls came in the wake of a sharp overnight fall on Wall Street in the shares of Philip Morris, the US food and tobacco group; President Clinton has threatened to curb smoking.

Analysts are anxiously awaiting full-year figures from **ICI**, down a net 5p on the day at £10.74. It is felt that the group may be forced to cut its dividend, or raise extra cash to strengthen the balance sheet. The group plans to demerge its bulk chemicals and pharmaceuticals operations. But the weakness of drug share prices is beginning to undermine ICI.

Guinness fell 12p to 456p after news of a profits downgrading for its French associate LVMH-Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton. The French champagne and luxury goods group has been warning Paris brokers for some time that it is finding the going tough.

SmithKline Beecham A firmed 3p to 424p, cheered by a rise in pre-tax profits from £1 billion to £1.1 billion. Sales of core drugs rose by a healthy 11 per cent. **Union Discount** firmed another 4p to 119p; the market still awaits the outcome of bid talks with an unamed suitor, reckoned to be **Gerrard & National**, unchanged at 424p.

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food and household products group, climbed 16p to £11.60 after seeing full-year figures from £82.4 million to £58.2 million. The group blamed the recession for the setback.

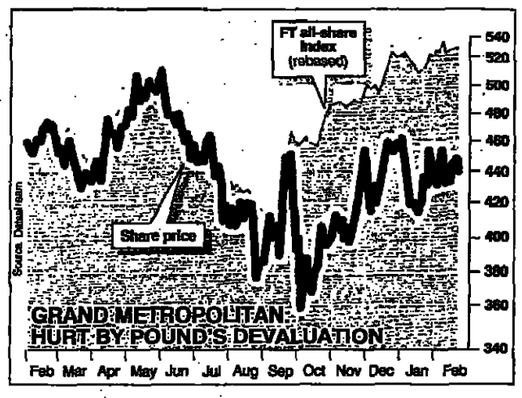
Amstrad, the consumer electronics group, celebrated a return to the black at the half-way stage, with a rise of 4p to 29p. Buoyant sales of satellite equipment enabled the group to report a pre-tax profit of £5.6 million, compared with a loss last time of £12 million. Conditions remain tough.

One of the few bright spots was the oil sector. Prices hardened, helped by the rise in the price of Brent crude to almost $19 a barrel. **Lasmo**, which has been tipped as a possible bid candidate, was unchanged at 176p. But there were gains for **BP**, up 6p to 276p, **Burmah**, 7p to 715p, **Clyde Petroleum**, 3p to 52p, **Enterprise Oil**, 3p to 453p, **Goal Petroleum**, 2p to 64p, and **Hardy Oil**, 6p to 149p. Even **Shell** managed to recover some of the ground lost after news of heavy foreign exchange losses at its Japanese subsidiary. The price rose 6p to 581p.

Worries that the recession may still have some way to run were reflected by **BET**, the industrial services group, down 9p at 88p. Hoare Govett has left its current-year forecast unchanged at £70 million, but has cut its estimate for 1994 by 20 per cent, to £81 million. Further disposals are in the pipeline and dividend cuts appear likely.

British Aerospace was a nervous market ahead of full-year figures today. These are expected to make grim reading. City analysts are penciling in pre-tax losses of between £800 million and £1 billion, compared with a loss last time of £81 million. The figures are expected to be weighed down by heavy exceptional charges after a prolonged period of rationalisation and restructuring. The group reported losses of £129 million at the half-way stage.

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Tarmac eased an additional 2p to 111p. The shares continue to be depressed by the gloomy outlook for the housebuilding sector, but the group is working hard to revive its fortunes. It is thought that Tarmac is still negotiating for the disposal of Econowaste, its waste disposal business. The asking price could be as much as £70 million.

WORLD MARKETS

Nikkei hangs on G7 outcome

Tokyo — Shares ended mixed in quiet trading, with the Nikkei index fluctuating narrowly around Monday's closing level. Investors were cautious in the face of the surging yen and ahead of the Group of Seven (G7) meeting of finance ministers this weekend.

"Investors are reluctant to move, because they have no clear idea when corporate earnings will bottom out after recent rises in the yen," said one broker at a foreign firm.

The Nikkei index rose by 42.54 points to 16,863.15, with an estimated 200 million shares traded. The broader Topix index fell by 2.60 points to 1,281.31.

The market opened weaker after Monday's downward trend but won back losses in early trading as buying by public pension and insurance funds took effect. The market moved nervously, selling and buying currency-sensitive issues, with the Nikkei trapped in a 131.03-point range.

Many investors think the G7 meeting will decide a policy in the currency market, so they prefer to remain until uncertainty over the yen's direction is lifted, brokers said.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The market closed sharply lower on profit-taking triggered by lack of news on resolving the Sino-British dispute over Hong Kong's political reforms, brokers said. The Hang Seng index ended 82.69 points lower at 6,149.19 and the broader All Ordinaries index lost 40.52 points to 3,266.51. Volume eased to HK$2.82 billion from Monday's HK$2.90 billion. "The market is due for a downward correction after the rally over the previous two weeks," said Patrick Choi, of Asia Equity.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times index closed at a record high of 1,661.32, as retail investors bought on expectations that a pro-business budget will be announced on Friday. *(Reuter)*

Clinton worries hold back Dow

New York — Blue chips struggled to hold small gains in late-morning trade after an early 20-point loss on the Dow Jones industrial average was erased.

A strong rally in bonds, some futures-linked buy programs and an oversold condition helped the market to recover, analysts said. Nervousness and uncertainty over President Clinton's economic plans, however, limited gains as investors moved to the sidelines.

"Uncertainty has got stocks scared to death," said James Andrews, head of trading at Janney Montgomery Scott.

Towards the end of the morning, the Dow was 0.81 points down at 3,342.18.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The market slid in a technically driven consolidation. Investors began taking profits after several days of gains, when prices showed signs of weakness at the start of trading.

The Dax index began the day slightly weaker and tended to move lower throughout the session. The decline picked up speed toward the end of the trading day and the Dax closed 19.16 points down at 1,661.58. Cars and chemicals suffered particularly heavy losses. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Feb 23 midday	Feb 22 close
AMP Inc	55¼	55¼
AMR Corp	56⅞	56½
Abbott Labs	33½	33⅝
Aetna Life	43⅝	44
Allenstown (HF)	20⅜	20⅝
Air Prod & Chem	42⅜	42⅝
Albertson's	49⅞	50⅛
Alcan Aluminum	19¼	19
Allied Signal	41	41¼
Allied Signal	64⅜	65⅛
Alum Co of Am	71¼	71
Amax	18⅛	18⅛
Amerada Hess	51¼	51
Amer Brands	34	33⅞
Amer Cyanamid	47⅞	47
Amer El Power	35⅞	36
Amer Express	24½	24⅞
Amer Gen Corp	50¼	51
Amer Home Pr	57⅞	56⅞
Amer Intl	113⅞	113
Amer Stores	37⅛	38
Amer T & T	64½	64⅞
Ameritech	76⅝	76
Amoco	55⅞	55⅞
Anheuser-Busch	51⅞	52⅜
Apple Computer	54½	55¼
Archer Daniels	24⅜	24⅞
Arkla	8⅜	8¼
Armco	7¼	7¼
Armstrong Wrld	32	32⅛
Asarco	26⅝	26¼
Ashland Oil	27⅞	27⅞
Atl Richfield	117⅜	117⅞
Auto Data Pro	55	55⅞
Avery Dennison	26⅛	26¼
Avon Products	57⅛	56⅞
Baker Hughes	23⅜	23⅝
Baltim Gas & El	26	26⅛
Banc One	52⅜	52⅛
BankAmerica	52⅜	52⅞
Bank of NY	54⅜	54⅛
Bankers Tr NY	69⅜	67⅞
Barnett Banks	44	43⅞
Bausch & Lomb	50⅛	51¼
Baxter Intl	28⅜	27⅞
Bectn Dickson	70⅞	70
Bell Atlantic	56	56⅛
BellSouth	55⅝	55⅞
Black & Decker	18⅛	18⅜
Block (HAR)	40⅝	40⅛
Boeing	34⅛	34⅜
Boise Cascade	36⅛	34⅝
Borden Inc	26⅜	26⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	54⅜	53⅞
Browning Ferris	27⅜	27½
Burlington Nthn	46⅝	47
CBS	200⅜	200⅛
CNA Financial	91¼	90⅝
CPC Intl	46⅛	45⅞
CSX	70⅝	71⅛
Campbell Soup	45⅞	45⅞
Can Pacific	13⅞	13⅞
Cpd Cities ABC	486⅛	485
Cpd Holdings	73⅜	73½
Carolina Pwr	31⅞	31½
Caterpillar	55½	56
Centrel & SW	32⅝	33⅝
Champion Intl	30⅜	30⅝
Chase Manhat	31½	31⅞
Chemical Bk	41⅛	41¼
Chevron Corp	79	79¾
Chrysler	38	38
Chubb Corp	85⅛	85⅝
Cigna Corp	58⅛	58¼
Cincorp	25⅜	25⅝
Clorox	45⅝	46
Coastal Corp	25⅝	25⅞
Coca Cola	41¼	41⅜
Colgate-Palmolive	59¼	58⅝
Columbia Gas	23⅜	23⅜
Commonw Ed	26⅝	26⅞
Compaq Comp	46⅝	46½
Comp Ass Int	24⅝	24½
Conagra	26⅜	26¼
Cons Edison	35⅜	35⅞
Cons Nat Gas	46⅛	46½
Cons Rail	55	55⅛
Cooper Inds	49⅝	49⅝
Corning Inc	32⅞	30⅝
Crown Cork	35½	35⅝
Dana Corp	46⅛	45⅞
Dayton Hudson	78⅝	79½
Deere	46	45½
Delta Air Lines	49	48⅝
Deluxe Corp	41½	41⅛
Detroit Edison	26½	25⅞
Digital Equip	45⅝	46½
Dillard Dept St	44½	46½
Disney (Walt)	44⅝	45½
Dominion Res	43⅞	44½
Donelley (RR)	29⅜	29⅝
Dover Corp	46⅛	47½
Dow Chemicals	54½	55⅛
Dow Jones	29½	29⅝
Dresser	19	19⅜
Duke Power	38⅜	38⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	57⅞	57⅝
Du Pont	48	47½
Eastman Kodak	51½	51½
Eaton Corp	78½	79¾
Emerson Elec	57	56⅝
Engelhard Corp	42	41½
Enron Corp	57⅝	59
Entergy Corp	36	36⅜
Ethyl Corp	26½	26¼
Exxon	63½	64⅜
FMC Corp	48⅝	49
FPL Group	39⅝	39⅜
Federal Express	56½	56⅜
Fed Nat Mtge	77⅞	76
First Chicago	42⅝	42⅝
First Interstate	91⅝	92⅛
First Union Bhy	111⅛	111½
Fleet Fincl Grp	32⅜	32½
Fluor Corp	45⅛	45⅝
Ford Motor	46½	46⅝
GTE Corp	37½	37
Gannett	50⅞	51
Gap Inc Del	32⅜	31⅞
Gen Cinema	35⅝	34
Gen Dynamics	111⅛	110
Gen Electric	84⅛	83¾
Gen Mills	67	67½
Gen Motors	38⅜	38⅝
Gen Refinsurance	113	112⅝
Gen Signal	64	64¼
Genuine Parts	34⅛	34¼
Georgia Pac	68	68⅛
Gillette	56⅝	56½
Glaxo ADR	19	18⅝
Goodrich (BF)	43⅜	43½
Goodyear Tire	67⅞	67½
Grace (WasR)	36⅝	36½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24	23⅞
Great Wstn Fin	17⅞	17⅞
Halliburton	35⅜	36½
Heinz (HJ)	45⅞	45⅝
Hercules	67⅛	67½
Hershey Foods	52⅝	53⅛
Hewlett Packard	73⅞	74½
Hilton Hotels	45⅝	45⅝
Homes Depot	58⅛	58⅜
Homestake	12⅝	12⅝
Honeywell	34	34½
Household Intl	63½	62⅞
Houston Inds	48	48⅛
Humana	18	18⅛
ITT Corp	74	74½
Illinois Tool	72⅜	74½
INCO	24⅛	24
Ingersoll Rand	33	33⅜
Inland Steel	22⅛	22
Intel Corp	113⅛	114½
IBM	51¼	51¼
Intl Flav & Fr	107½	106½
Intl Paper	64⅛	63⅞
James River Va	18⅛	18⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39½	39
K Mart	23⅝	23⅝
Kellogg	59⅝	60
Kerr-McGee	47	47⅛
Kimberly-Clark	55⅝	56
Knight-Ridder	60½	60½
Lilly (Ell)	49	48⅝
Limited Inc	24	24
Lin Broadcsg	62⅝	63
Lincoln Nat	71¼	72⅜
Limn	30⅜	30⅝
Liz Claiborne	33	32½
Lockheed Corp	57	57
Louisiana Pac	77⅛	77¼
MCI Commun	38⅛	39¼
Marriott	24½	24
Marsh & McLnn	90⅜	89⅝
Martin Marietta	67⅜	66½
Masco Corp	31½	31⅝
May Dept St	70⅜	70½
Maytag Corp	13⅞	14½
McCaw Cellular	34½	34½
McDonalds	49⅜	50⅜
McDonnell D	51½	51¼
McGraw Hill	58⅜	57⅞
Mead Corp	45⅜	45⅜
Medtronic	69⅝	70½
Mellon Bk	59⅜	57⅞
Melville Corp	48⅛	48½
Merck Inc	37	36⅞
Merrill Lynch	64⅝	64⅝
Minnesota Mine	104½	104⅝
Mobil Corp	67⅛	66⅝
Monsanto	51¾	52
Morgan (JP)	67	68
Motorola Inc	58⅜	57⅞
Natl Medical	9⅝	9¼
Natl Semi	10⅝	10⅝
Natl Service Ind	27⅛	26½
Navistar Int	2½	2½
NBD Bancorp	35⅜	35⅛
NT Times A	28⅛	28½
Newmont Ming	41½	39⅝
Nlag Mohawk	21⅜	21⅜
Nike B	67⅛	66
NL Industries	5	5⅛
Nordstrom	33½	38½
Norfolk Sthrn	63⅛	63½
Nthn State Pwr	46⅛	46⅛
Norwest Corp	45⅛	44½
Nynex Corp	90⅛	90⅛
Occidental Pet	20	19⅞
Ohio Edison	25⅛	25½
Oracle Systems	29⅝	28⅜
Otyx Energy Co	20⅜	20⅛
PNC Financial	31½	31½
PPG Industries	66½	66⅞
Pacar Inc	58½	57⅝
Pacificorp	17⅜	17⅜
Pac Enterprises	23½	23⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	35⅜	35⅝
Pac Telesis	46⅝	47
Pall Corp	18⅝	19⅛
Panhandle East	21¼	21⅞
Paramnt Comm	46⅝	46½
Parker Hannifin	31½	31⅝
Pennzy (JC)	74½	74½
Pennzoil	57⅛	57⅛
Pepsico	39⅝	39⅝
Pfizer	53½	54
Phelps Dodge	52	52
Philadel Elec	29⅝	30⅛
Phillip Morris	62⅝	64½
Phillips Pet	26⅜	27⅛
Pitney Bowes	40½	41
Polaroid	28⅜	28⅝
Price Co	33⅝	33⅞
Primerica	52⅞	54
Procter & Gmbl	50⅝	49⅝
Pub Serv E & G	33⅜	34⅜
Quaker Oats	66½	65⅞
Ralston Purina	49⅝	49⅝
Raytheon Corp	41½	41½
Reebok	52⅝	52⅝
Reebok Intl	33⅜	33⅜
Reynolds Metals	52½	52½
Roadway Svcs	66½	66½
Rockwell Intl	20⅜	20⅜
Rohm & Haas	59⅞	59⅝
Royal Dutch	85⅜	85⅜
Rubbermaid	31½	31½
Safeco Corp	59⅝	59⅝
St Paul's Cos	75⅞	76⅛
Salomon Inc	40⅛	40
Santa Fe S Pac	13⅞	13⅝
Sara Lee Corp	27⅞	28
Scecorp	48⅝	48⅝
Schering Plough	53⅞	53
Schlumberger	59⅝	60⅛
Sears Roebuck	39	39⅜
Seagram	25½	26⅛
Sears Roebuck	53⅜	53⅜
Shell Trans	51½	51½
Sherwin Wllms	31⅞	31⅝
Shrlnd Corp	21½	22
Snap-On-Tools	33	32⅝
Southern Co	40⅜	41
Stlwestern Bell	73⅞	73⅞
Sprint Corp	27⅞	27⅞
Stanley Works	42½	42⅝
Sun Company	27⅞	27⅞
Suntrust	46½	46
Supervalu	31⅛	32
Synlnx Corp	18⅛	17⅞
Sysco Corp	24⅜	24⅞
TRW Inc	58	57⅞
Tandem Comp	12⅜	12⅜
Tandy Corp	25⅝	25⅝
Telecom Corp	2¼	2⅛
Teledyne	30½	30⅜
Temple Inland	49	48⅝
Tenneco	44½	45
Texaco	62⅜	63¼
Texas Inst	55	55
Texas Utilities	46⅛	47⅛
Textron	44	43⅞
Time Warner	33⅞	33⅞
Times-Mirror	32⅝	32⅝
Timken	38⅜	39½
Tosichamk	37	39¼
Toys R Us	37⅜	37½
Transamerica	48⅝	48½
Travelers Corp	34½	34½
Tribune	52⅛	52
Tyco Labs	41¼	41½
UAL Corp	112⅝	114
UST Inc	25⅝	26½
USX Marathon	18⅛	18⅛
Unilever NV	109⅛	107⅞
Union Camp	46	45⅞
Union Carbide	16⅝	16½
Union Pacific	59⅛	59
Unisys Corp	11⅛	11⅛
USAIR Group	15	15
USFRG Corp	13⅝	13⅝
US Tlk	39⅛	39⅜
US West	43⅜	43
United Tech	44⅝	44⅝
Unocal Corp	25½	26⅜
Upjohn	27	26½
VF Corp	45⅞	46½
Wal-Mart Stores	29¾	29⅞
Warner-Lambert	62⅞	61⅝
Waste Mgmnt Inc	35⅛	35½
Wells Fargo	94½	94⅝
Westinghouse El	13⅜	13⅝
Weyerhaeuser	45⅞	45⅜
Whirlpool	46½	48⅛
Wickman	14¼	14⅜
Wlm Dhle	72⅛	73¼
Woolworth	27½	27⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	39⅝	39⅝
Xerox	81¼	82⅛

RECENT ISSUES

Intl Food Machinery (51)	68	+2
Mauritius Fund ($10¾)	717	...
Merlin Intl Green Units	93	...
Motor World (210)	264	...
New City & Com Inv Tst	86	−1
New City & Com Wts	19	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Allied Leisure n/p (48)	4	...
Bellway n/p (320)	61	...
Bowater Units n/p (440)	73	−10
Commercial Union n/p (490)	63	−11
Kingfisher Units n/p (450)	97	−8
ML Holdings n/p (15)	3½	...
MMI n/p (7½)	8	...
Mercier-Swain n/p (520)	67	...
PizzaExpress n/p (40)	34	−4
Property Trust 10p (25)	23	...
SelectTV n/p (17)	½	...

Qantas moves closer to privatisation

FROM REUTER IN SYDNEY

QANTAS, the Australian government-owned airline, has moved a step nearer to privatisation after receiving an A$1.35 billion (£638 million) capital injection from the government.

Ralph Willis, the finance minister, said the recapitalisation involves the government assuming the airline's government-guaranteed debt in exchange for equity in the airline, 75 per cent of which is to be floated later this year.

John Ward, Qantas chief executive, said the airline was budgeting for a profit this financial year after a profit of A$137.3 million in 1991-2.

He said: "We've traded profitably for the first half of 1993-4, but it's been a very tough environment for the industry."

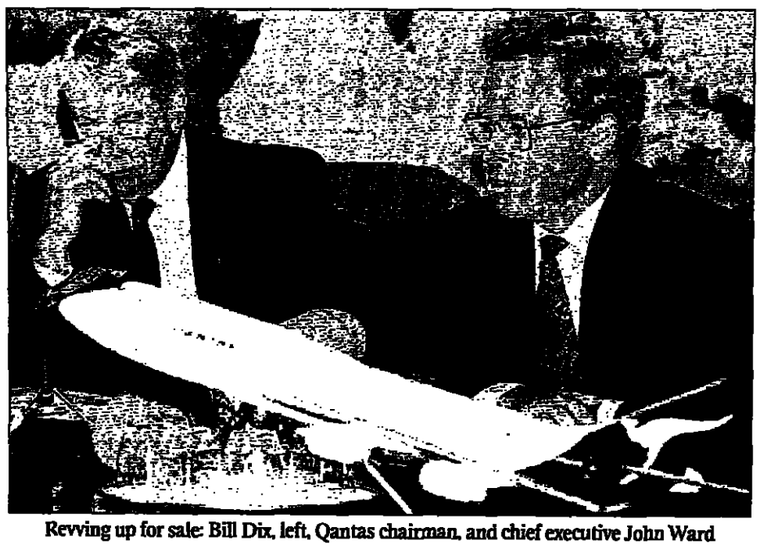
The government has already agreed to sell 25 per cent of Qantas to British Airways for A$665 million. The sale is expected to be finalised next month.

Bill Dix, the chairman, said Qantas's debt would be reduced to about A$5.5 billion after the transaction and its debt-to-equity ratio reduced to about 69 per cent from about 80 per cent earlier.

Mr Willis said the recapitalisation, a condition of the sale to BA, put Qantas on a firmer financial footing. He said: "It will significantly reduce Qantas' operating costs by allowing for lower annual interest payments."

Mr Willis said the sale to BA would add A$739 million to the government's budget in the year to June 30, 1993, while the float would add about A$2 billion in 1993-4. He said earlier that the flotation was likely to be in October or November, depending on market conditions.

The government had earlier hoped to hold the float around mid-1993.



Revving up for sale: Bill Dix, left, Qantas chairman, and chief executive John Ward

China deal 'worth billions' to AT&T

FROM REUTER IN PEKING

AMERICAN Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) signed an agreement to co-operate with China to manufacture switching and other equipment. The a transaction is potentially worth billions of dollars to the giant US communications company.

"This is one of the most ambitious and comprehensive partnership agreements that AT&T has ever signed," said Randall Tobias, the company's vice-chairman.

The agreement covers a range of business areas, most immediately for joint-venture production of switching equipment. It is an important result of a Sino-American trade agreement signed last October. "If you look at the size of the market, I think it's reasonable to say that the projects and developments in this memorandum of understanding have the potential of billions of dollars over the next decade," Randall Tobias, AT&T's vice chairman, said.

The Chinese partner is the State Planning Commission, which is responsible for the government-controlled sector of China's economy, including a huge programme to upgrade the country's telecommunications network aimed at supporting the current economic growth.

The agreement gives AT&T a powerful ally in penetrating potentially the largest market for telecommunications equipment.

Other areas of business may include manufacturing microelectronics, optical transmissions products and cellular equipment, as well as network management, research involving AT&T's Bell Laboratories and manpower training.

BRITISH FUNDS

HOPES that the government might find scope for another cut in bank base rates in the short term enabled government securities to make headway in thin trading.

Prices took their lead from the futures market, where the long gilt rose ten ticks to £103 25/32 in moderate trading, which saw 27,000 contracts completed. Brokers said genuine retail demand had been minimal. Much of the business had focused on roll-over situations, with investors starting to switch from the March to the June series.

On the cash market, the new tap Conversion 9 per cent 2011 'C' reached the next supply level of £15 3/8.

At the long end, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose five ticks to £105¼, while at the shorter end, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 firmed three ticks to £112 1/32.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
104⅛	100⅝	Treas 12¼% 1993	102⅝	−⅛	12.19	5.73
100⅝	99⅝	Fund 6% 1993	100⅛ †	...	5.99	5.63
107⅛	103⅝	Treas 13¼% 1993	105⅝	−⅛	12.98	5.52
102⅛	96⅛	Treas 8¼% 1994	102⅝	...	8.27	5.39
110⅛	104⅝	Treas 14½% 1994	108⅝	...	13.53	5.42
110⅝	103⅝	Exch 13½% 1994	108⅝	...	12.39	5.53
105⅛	98⅝	Treas 10% 1994	105⅛	...	9.48	5.54
110⅛	103⅛	Exch 12¼% 1994	109⅝	...	11.39	5.60
105⅝	96⅛	Treas 9% 1994	105⅝	...	8.53	5.63
111⅝	102⅝	Treas 12% 1995	111⅛	...	10.80	5.78
96⅛	88⅛	Gas 3% 1990-95	96⅛	...	3.10	4.52
109⅛	99⅜	Exch 10¼% 1995	109⅛	...	9.35	5.91
116⅛	106⅛	Treas 12¼% 1995	116⅛	...	10.92	5.96
130⅝	109⅝	Treas 14% 1996	120⅝	+⅛	11.63	6.26
125⅞	113⅝	Treas 13¼% 1996	125⅛	...	12.18	6.35
130⅝	108	Exch 13¾% 1996	119⅝	...	11.07	6.36
111⅝	98⅝	Conv 10% 1996	111⅛	...	8.98	6.49
122⅝	109⅝	Treas 13¼% 1997	122⅝	+⅛	10.85	6.54
113⅛	100⅝	Exch 10½% 1997	113⅝	+⅛	9.26	6.61
108⅛	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	108⅛ †	...	8.10	6.63
132⅛	117⅝	Exch 15% 1997	131⅝	+⅛	11.37	6.88
112⅛	97⅛	Exch 9½% 1998	111⅝	...	8.71	6.88
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
102⅛	98⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	102⅛ †	+⅛	7.14	6.62
100⅝	86⅝	Treas 6¼% 1995-98	100⅝	...	6.72	6.51
127⅝	122⅝	Treas 15⅛% 1998	127⅛ †	...	11.26	7.19
122⅝	107⅝	Exch 12% 1998	121⅝	...	9.85	7.27
112⅛	97⅛	Treas 9½% 1999	111⅛	+⅛	8.52	7.01
125⅝	109⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	122⅝	+⅛	9.91	7.34
116⅝	101⅝	Treas 10¾% 1999	116⅝	+⅛	9.02	7.19
116⅛	100⅛	Conv 10½% 1999	115⅝	+⅛	8.86	7.25
110	94⅝	Conv 9% 2000	109⅜	+⅛	8.30	7.19
129⅝	114⅝	Treas 13% 2000	129⅝	+⅛	10.02	7.64
114⅝	99⅝	Treas 10% 2001	114⅝ †	...	8.77	7.61
129	115⅝	Treas 14% 1998-01	129	+⅛	10.83	7.22
113⅝	98⅛	Treas 9½% 2002	112⅝	+⅛	8.65	7.82
51⅝	46⅝	Treas 8pc 2003	51⅝	+⅛	7.88	7.78
114⅝	100⅛	Treas 10% 2003	114¼ †	+⅛	8.76	7.98
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72⅝	59½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72⅜	...	4.82	7.02
110⅛	96⅝	Conv 9½% 2004	110⅛	+⅛	8.67	8.12
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129⅛	116⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129⅛	...	9.68	8.33
99⅛	85⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	99⅛	+⅛	8.05	8.08
123⅛	110⅝	Treas 11¼% 2003-07	123⅛	...	9.54	8.27
102⅛	89⅝	Treas 8½% 2007	102⅛	+⅛	8.32	8.23
136⅛	122⅝	Treas 13½% 2004-08	136⅛ †	+⅛	9.89	8.37
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106⅛	93⅝	Treas 9% 2008	106⅛	+⅛	8.48	8.28
97⅛	85⅛	Treas 8% 2009	97⅛ †	+⅛	8.24	8.31
105⅛	93⅝	Conv 9% 2011	105⅛	+⅛	8.63	8.32
108⅛	95⅝	Conv 9½% 2005	108⅛	+⅛	8.63	8.14
73⅛	62⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73⅛	+⅛	7.44	8.18
94⅛	81⅝	Treas 7¼% 2012-15	94⅛	+⅛	8.21	8.29
132⅝	116⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	132⅝	+⅛	9.07	8.61
102⅝	91⅛	Treas 8¼% 2017	102⅝	+⅛	8.94	8.50
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46⅝	39⅞	Consols 4%	46⅛	−⅛	8.63	...
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63⅝	50	Conv 5½%	62 †	−⅛	5.65	...
30½	24⅝	Consols 2½%	30⅛	−⅛	8.23	...
29⅛	24⅛	Treas 2½%	29⅛ †	+⅛	8.55	...
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Recession forces Daimler to stay on the motorway

Colin Narbrough reports on why Mercedes cars provide the only real hope of paying for the diversification plans of the parent company



Refocused: Edzard Reuter has accepted the need to concentrate on cars

Edzard Reuter, the corporate visionary and card-carrying Social Democrat at the helm of Daimler-Benz, the German industrial flagship, chose to celebrate his 65th birthday quietly last week. The reasons for his discretion are twofold: recession and complacency have forced even the long-gilded Daimler into a position where he has had to take a big knife to its German operations and workforce; and his master plan to create Europe's foremost "integrated technology" group has been redrafted to recognise that Daimler's century-old business, cars, still offers the milch-cow to finance strategic expansion in other sectors.

Developments within the Daimler empire, and especially at Mercedes, its motor vehicles arm, reflect the broader problem facing western Germany. After the heady decades of the *Wirtschaftswunder*, the shock of unification has made clear to people in the wealthy western states, such as Baden-Wurtemberg, Daimler's home territory, that they are no longer assured of a place in the sun. High labour costs, market rigidities and environmental constraints are important factors. So too, as Daimler demonstrates, is the failure to adapt to global market realities.

For many years, it sufficed for Mercedes' armies of skilled Swabian engineers to craft luxury limousines with never a care about cost. There were long queues of willing customers. Only two years ago, Mercedes unveiled the biggest and costliest car of its recent history. The "S" model was to signal a new dawn in motoring culture. Instead, as Germany and most of Europe languished under recession, the very limousine became a symbol of how Mercedes had lost its way. The car proved too expensive even for Mercedes lovers, many of whom appear to have switched to other marques, German or Japanese.

Mercedes, whose lasting, high-quality appeal allowed it to operate without effective competition until the late eighties, should have seen the writing on the wall when BMW and Audi started to be a serious threat. Japanese cars, so long underestimated, also managed the breakthrough into the quality end of the market. Toyota knew exactly against whom it was pitching its Lexus, as did Honda and Nissan with their high-quality models. The quality edge Mercedes enjoyed has all but vanished, and that has given price a new importance: making luxury cars is cheaper outside Germany.

The Mercedes balance sheet certainly signalled the need for an urgent rethink. The operating profit was still showing DM3.5 billion in 1987. Last year, the alarm bells were triggered by the company's first operating loss — some DM1.1 billion.

Management's response was as swift as it was harsh. The axing of about 27,500 jobs was decided, along with short-time working at German plants. Car output is being reduced to near 500,000 this year from 600,000 three years ago.

If Herr Reuter's ambitions for Daimler's other businesses — Deutsche Aerospace, the Airbus partner; AEG, the electronic and electrical goods company; and Debis, the services firm — are to be realised, Mercedes must start laying the golden eggs again. Despite the encouraging flow of Airbus orders, the aircraft industry is in a delicate state. Other parts of Daimler threaten to disappoint too, if they have not done so already.

Recession and sluggish demand in important markets, in part attributable to the Bundesbank's strong mark policy, weigh heavily on the German motor industry, the success of which helped lift the country from the ruins of world war two. Estimates from the German automobile industry (VDA) show that 40,000 jobs in the west German sector will be shed this year after a 5 per cent reduction last year. Vehicle output, which last year climbed to 5.2 million units, is expected to drop 10 per cent this year. Investment, usually a German strength, will drop by a fifth. The central message from the VDA is that production costs must be lowered by 20 per cent in the next few years if the industry wants to remain internationally competitive.

The motor industry, which turned over DM165.5 billion last year, can still report successes. Car exports were up 17 per cent, although this can be explained by the rundown of stocks in the main export markets, as German producers sought to satisfy long pent-up demand in car-hungry east Germany.

The irony of Herr Reuter's situation is that when he took over as management board chairman at Daimler in 1987, he was welcomed as the corporate thinker (with a social heart) needed to shake the company out of the car-centric coma it had been in under Werner Breitschwerdt, his predecessor. As finance director waiting for the top job, Herr Reuter had laid his plans for a more diversified group. Now he has acknowledged the need to focus, at least while he regroups his forces, on cars.

The man picked to do the job is Helmut Werner, former head of Continental, the tyre group. At 56, the cosmopolitan Herr Werner last month took over operational responsibility for Mercedes from Werner Niefer, like Herr Breitschwerdt, one of Mercedes' Swabian old guard. And no time is being lost. Herr Werner, who displayed his talents in restructuring the loss-making truck division, is steering a totally new course. The holy trinity of the Mercedes car range — compact, medium and big — is being junked. The selection is to be widened to hitherto untouched markets. A family transporter, like Renault's Espace, is to be introduced; there will be a competitive cross-country vehicle (as opposed to the present over-priced military spin-off) and a mini-Merc for environment-friendly City use.

The challenge to other carmakers on a broader front will be accompanied by a campaign to give the company a new image. Past insistence on the cachet of "Made in Germany" is being abandoned for "Made by Mercedes". Not that German carmakers have been stick-at-homes. Volkwagen epitomises the global manufacturer, having for years produced cars and trucks in key markets outside Germany. It has had its mistakes, such as its failure to understand that Americans wanted to pay for the status of a German-built car rather than buy the equivalent made in America. The highly successful BMW plans production in South Carolina in 1995. Even the cautious Mercedes has modest assembly operations in South Africa and Indonesia.

The emergence of regional trading blocs has not been lost on Mercedes. It plans to open an assembly plant in Mexico, the lowest-cost member of the North American free trade agreement group, later this year. Last week, Mercedes, with an eye on the Pacific rim, announced a deal to develop a new car to be produced in South Korea in co-operation with Ssangyong Motor Company. This shows how footloose even Mercedes has become.

A question asked in Germany is whether Mercedes is about to go offshore. Old anxieties about *Standort Deutschland* (the viability of Germany as an industrial base) have been aroused. Another is whether Herr Reuter is about to go. The answer to both questions is "no". Only days after Herr Werner unveiled his plans for reviving Mercedes, Daimler announced an impressive DM800 million investment in development facilities near Stuttgart. Production costs in Germany are being lowered in earnest, even if it means breaking the taboo of severe job cuts. More components will be sourced abroad, but the bulk of production will stay in Germany.

As to Herr Reuter's future, he extended his contract a year ago to the end of 1995. But it will be Herr Werner, the chairman-in-waiting with the task of restoring Mercedes' fortunes, who will decide on what note Herr Reuter departs.

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The cost of capital

THE only crumb of comfort in the banking industry during this recession has been that clearing banks' capital ratios have remained strong, mainly due to the lack of demand for loans. This illusion was destroyed by National Westminster's figures yesterday, which suggest the bank needs a large injection of cash.

NatWest's core capital ratio has sunk to 5.2 per cent, 0.3 of a point lower than a year ago due to the appreciation of the group's foreign currency assets. The figure looks comfortable compared with the minimum standard of 4 per cent, but is misleading. If the group had knocked the full £268 million fall in the value of its properties off its balance sheet the ratio would have been nearer 5 per cent. The further fall in the pound's value since the start of the year has reduced the ratio by a further 0.1 of a point. This shrinkage, plus continuing bad debts, pushes NatWest's capital ratios towards the danger zone, since the market discriminates against any institution with a capital of less than 5 per cent. If there is any upturn in lending demand NatWest is ill prepared to meet it.

Lord Alexander is wise to rule out a full rights issue, since the City would almost certainly greet it with derision. The alternative for the bank would be a private placing of 5 per cent of its stock, similar to HSBC's issue last year. This would boost the core ratio to a more comfortable, if not particularly generous, 5.2 per cent.

Even so, the message of NatWest's figures is grim. Clearing banks have suffered too much damage during the recession. They cannot continue to write off so many bad debts and pay dividends from reserves much longer.

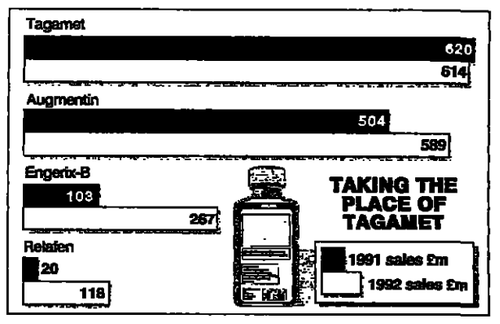
SmithKline Beecham

TAGAMET has been a wonder drug for SmithKline Beecham, accounting for more than 20 per cent of sales in recent years. But the group's fortunes rest on how successfully it can reduce its dependence on Tagamet by the time its patent expires in May next year. Generic competition could reduce sales by more than a third.

The group forecasts that Tagamet will account for only 10 per cent of sales by 1994 and is well on the way to that target. The impact on profits is harder to predict as the company refuses to disclose Tagamet's contribution. Some of the fall could also be offset by an OTC version of the drug in Britain, America and Japan.

Future growth depends on SB's new products. In this respect the results are encouraging. Half of the pharmaceutical division's 15 per cent growth in turnover came from the group's newer products. Relafen, the arthritis medication, saw sales rise by 524 per cent to £118 million after its launch into the American market, where it is now one of the top three products in its sector. Sales of Engerix-B, the hepatitis B vaccine, rose 154 per cent to £267 million, partly as a result of production problems at Merck, its main competitor. Even the established antibiotic Augmentin grew by 14 per cent to become SB's second $1 billion dollar drug, following in Tagamet's footsteps. SB's substantial research investment should ensure that important new products continue to emerge.

At a 15 per cent discount to the market, the shares look good value.



Unilever

COMPANIES that still value their brands on their balance sheets should note that Unilever spent £2.7 billion advertising its products last year, 11 per cent of group turnover. This shows that brands demand continual investment to be maintained and strengthened. If companies insist on awarding a value to trading names they should be prepared to depreciate them by as much as 25 per cent a year on Unilever's figures, which can be offset by marketing spending.

The 16 per cent rise in Unilever's marketing spending merely highlighted the strength of the group, which reduced debt by £300 million to £1.2 billion despite the fall in sterling and the net £100 million cost of acquisitions.

Michael Perry may deplore the perils that beset the world trade talks but few believe that adverse economic conditions will dent Unilever. Profits continue to be driven by product innovation in Europe and America and volume growth in the developing world. The coming year should see Unilever expand its ice cream division, its highest margin business. The $155 million purchase of Popsicle and Klondike in America last month has brought a toehold in that market which needs to be developed with further acquisitions. Such moves will consolidate the group's apparently unassailable position in its core markets.

Amstrad

SOMEONE had to pay for Alan Sugar's bid for Amstrad but the company's shareholders can rightly feel aggrieved that they are being charged £1.1 million toward an episode that should never have happened. They may be slightly mollified if Mr Sugar reveals how much the ill-conceived venture cost him.

The electronics group's figures show how right its investors were to spurn the Amshold bid. The share price is now just 1p lower than the 30p offer price in spite of Mr Sugar's warnings.

The figures were loaded with almost £12 million in exceptional costs and provisions but could not conceal Amstrad's inherent profitability. Shareholders grateful for a 0.2p dividend should note it cost less than a third of the interest on the group's £111 million cash.

Amstrad has the resilience to trade through the recession. The company is also looking an increasingly attractive bid target, but shareholders should reject anything less than the 46p asset value.

Sedgwick

Sedgwick's decision to revalue its properties down to historic cost may seem like a model of prudent accounting. In reality, the firm has made a smart decision. If it had revalued in the normal way it could have taken a unpleasant hit on the profit and loss account. The properties are now so conservatively valued that the group could earn a substantial profit if it desides to sell. Judging from last year's figures Sedgwick needs all the profit it can find.

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Otherwise engaged

LLOYD'S of London brokers are too sensible to be distracted from serious matters at hand — well, 24 magnums of vintage Veuve Cliquot, that is. Visiting Chris Haynes to celebrate the first anniversary of Eatons, a Mincing Lane wine bar, the 40 guests failed to notice the absence of their host for more than an hour. Haynes, better known to his customers as "chubbs", was trapped in the disabled toilet. "I only used it because the other toilets were full. The lock broke on the door, and it took well over an hour to get me out," Haynes reported much too soberly. "By the time they got me out, all the magnums had disappeared."

Nomura-go-round

MORE musical chairs at Nomura, which has recruited its second pan-European specialist in weeks, after a cost-cutting clearout involving 49 job losses last October. Michael Wheelhouse, 33, is leaving Hoare Govett to become Nomura's European insurance and banking analyst, covering continental Europe and not the UK. Wheelhouse starts on March 15, unless Hoare, which took away his banking portfolio several years ago to let him concentrate on insurance, relents and lets him out of his contract early. This month, Baring Securities lost Heino Ruland, 36, to Nomura, where he began this week as head of German equities. Word has it that Basil Postan, Nomura's head of equities, is looking for more recruits with pan-European, particularly German, expertise. Step forward any oil analysts keen to fill the shoes of Christine Baker, who left Nomura this month for James Capel.

IT seems The Milwaukie Sentinel *has some useful tips for Britons with low irritation thresholds. A financial advice column passes on the following anecdote: "A woman I know has an effective way of dealing with unsolicited calls from telephone salesmen. Just as he gets into his sales pitch, she says: "Oh, thank heavens! You want to* SELL *me something. I thought you were another debt collection agency!"*

Ultra bold

MICHAEL Perry, the chairman of Unilever, is only too well aware of the value of good marketing. The company spent £2.73 billion on advertising and promotion last year. But just as he launched into a display of products at yesterday's results presentation, Perry noticed that a photographer had run out of film. "I can pause and chat about the weather", he joked before holding aloft a tub of Promise Ultra fat-free margarine for a prolonged period. "This," he said, "takes Ultra to the Ultimate." He paused before adding: "We have got jobs for good copywriters."

Top of the poll

FEW women crash through the glass ceiling directly below the boardroom with as much apparent ease as Gertrud Hohler, who emerged as the clear favourite of Grand Metropolitan shareholders. Sitting alongside Sir Allen Sheppard at the annual meeting at Grosvenor House in Park Lane, she blushed only slightly when it was revealed that proxy voters — and there were a record number this year — overwhelmingly supported her election as a director. Hohler, 51, who joined GrandMet last November as a non-executive director, topped the poll with 48 per cent of the vote. The professor founded Berlin-based Hohler Consultants in 1985, and her clients include the majority of the 50 largest companies in Germany. Despite that, she has found time to write 14 books, won a prize for literature, and serves on an advisory council for the German Federal Defence Ministry. Clearly women — or indeed men — like her are hard to find. But headhunters seeking top women for top jobs are now paying a premium — in some cases another 10 per cent.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK



"Go away — we have quite enough bad debts"

BUSINESS LETTERS

More pension thoughts for Goode

From Mr Richard Davis

Sir, Historically, the major incentive for employees in employment with local authorities, the Civil Service, or other bodies covered by statutory pension arrangements has been the perception and, often, the enjoyment of superior pension benefits as against most of those in the private sector.

Admittedly, this has changed over the past decade or so. However, the case authority reported in your newspaper (February 18, page 34) under the title Griffin v London Pension Fund Authority (Court of Appeal) suggests that the reverse is the case. Its conclusion appears to be that in the private sector those earning pensionable benefits are accruing "deferred pay" enforceable by employment law rights, including those against sexual discrimination. Public sector employees appear excluded from such protection. It may be that they and their employers have been aware of this "lacuna". However, I doubt it.

An additional problem that occurs to me is the possible implication of this in the context of privatisation of certain functions of bodies covered by these statutory schemes. Under government provisions these are required within a certain period to establish occupational pension arrangements of their own. If the employees concerned transfer their accrued benefits from the statutory scheme to the new scheme established in the private arena will the pensionable service covered by the transfer payment still have immunity from "deferred pay"/sexual discrimination claims by aggrieved employees?

How many more sprites are due to rise out of the Pandora's Box identified and opened by the European Court of Justice on May 17, 1990?

More food for thought for the Goode Committee?

Yours faithfully,
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'Granny bonds' would help protect incomes

From Mr J. A. Taylor

Sir, I would strongly support the view expressed by Mr Trevor Openshaw (Business Letters February 17) that "Granny bonds" be reintroduced to help pensioners, including the many who took early retirement to assist with the financial planning of their institutions, in my case a university, and now find their investment income savagely reduced by the recent severe reduction in interest rates.

In addition, 15 years of cumulative erosion of university salaries also depressed pension levels in my case, and indeed in many others. One wonders also what the national scale is of invisible, but often substantial, parental subsidies of their childrens' cost of living and house purchase schemes, freely given out of taxable income, yet propping up the economy in that sector at the same time!

Yours faithfully,
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Glyn Ceiro,
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Aberystwyth,
Dyfed.

Job creation

From Mr N. A. Rogers

Sir, I would like to see an Industrial Banking Agency (IBA) set up on a regional basis, run by business people to help small businesses create jobs. The government should put some capital into the bank and the public should be encouraged to invest in the bank (investors should receive a tax incentive).

We need government leadership to encourage small businesses to get on with the jobs and employ people, not make them redundant.

Any profits made by IBA should be ploughed back into the regions' own industry for future expansion.

If only the high street banks had supported companies in the past two years many would have survived, but I submit that the high street banks have failed miserably in their understanding of industry. Furthermore, if the high street banks had kept their profits within their UK regions instead of investing in useless projects abroad many, many, British companies would have survived.

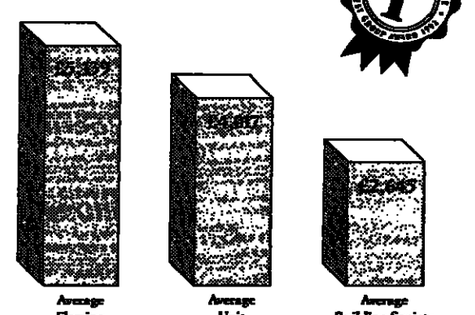
I believe there is plenty of work available provided companies are prepared to work to get the business. So let's get working.

Production means employment creating income and consumption so that the circle can be repeated over and over again. We British can show the world how to succeed and forget the gloom.

Yours faithfully,
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Global Growth	105.70	112.90	- 0.80	...
Japan Growth	161.30	172.50†	- 0.40	...
Japan Sunrise	134.60	143.70	- 1.50	...
Portfolio	113.30	121.30*	- 0.50	3.40
Recovery	222.10	216.30*	- 1.50	1.40
UK Growth	75.86	80.70	- 0.46	3.10
UK Smaller Cos	76.61	81.93	+ 0.28	2.00
Select Managers	61.75	66.17	- 0.06	2.10

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA.
041 332 3132

Balan Gth Acc	101.04	108.05	- 0.29	2.39
-do- Inc	92.54	98.98	- 0.26	3.39
Global Bond	29.54	31.34	- 0.06	5.78
High Yield Acc	90.99	54.32	+ 0.63	4.52
-do- Inc	37.23	39.82*	+ 0.46	4.52
Smlr Cos Gth	82.05	88.72	- 0.41	1.81
-do- Inc	76.71	82.05	- 0.28	1.87
Amer Gth Acc	56.40	60.32	- 0.91	...
-do- Inc	55.35	59.20*	- 0.89	...
Euro Gth Acc	96.91	103.54	- 0.35	1.78
-do- Inc	95.92	102.58	- 0.35	1.78
Managed P Folio	33.66	36.00	- 0.15	1.54
Pacific Growth	86.48	94.64	- 0.57	1.17
Int Spec Opps	83.75	89.58	- 0.34	1.09

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath.
0444 458144

Financial	110.70	117.90*	+ 0.30	3.77
Smaller Cos Acc	266.20	283.50	+ 2.90	...
Smaller Cos Inc	155.90	166.00	+ 1.70	1.39
High Inc	71.88	76.91	+ 0.17	7.18
Income	123.80	132.50	+ 0.40	4.38
Mngd P folio Inc	90.11	95.97*	+ 0.23	2.17
Mngd P folio Acc	170.10	181.20	+ 0.60	...
North American	103.70	110.50	- 0.70	0.20
Orient	100.20	107.80	- 0.60	...
Recovery	36.63	39.38	- 0.22	3.00
German	43.11	46.21	- 0.04	0.09
Intl Growth	32.18	34.27	- 0.14	0.23
European Inc	22.83	24.59	- 0.32	0.46
Conv General	19.47	20.83	- 0.02	8.01

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542.
Dealing: 071 247 7474

Fellowship Tst	64.06	68.15	- 0.01	0.98
-do- Acc	71.43	75.99	- 0.01	0.98
Income Fund $	206.70	219.90	- 0.10	4.14
-do- Acc	466.80	469.80	- 0.40	4.14
Inv Portfolio	65.78	68.17*	- 0.18	2.16
-do- Acc	74.28	76.98*	- 0.21	2.15
Smaller Cos	118.00	125.60	...	2.00
-do- Acc	141.80	150.90	+ 0.10	2.00
High Inc P folio	58.10	60.21	- 0.06	4.84

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL.
071 488 7216

Shi Gilt Fxd Int	69.54	70.48	+ 0.11	6.67

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH.
061 827 5060

Environ	133.50	142.10	- 0.30	1.72
UK Growth	142.50	151.70*	+ 0.60	2.44
UK Income	121.50	129.30	+ 0.40	4.53

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB.
081 902 8876

SE Asia	79.94	85.50	- 0.48	1.01
Growth	43.68	46.72*	+ 0.01	3.06
Income	51.47	55.35*	+ 0.13	4.30
Far East	42.10	45.03	- 0.34	0.33
North American	77.08	82.44	- 3.02	0.01
Global	80.00	85.56	- 1.36	0.70
European	69.02	73.82	- 0.05	1.36
Japan	84.54	94.99	- 0.81	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	60.32	63.94	+ 0.16	4.94
UK Cap Gwth	76.79	82.13	- 0.09	1.98

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF.
Enquiries: 061 236 5685.
Dealing: 061 236 5362
Capability Trusts

American Gen	128.30	136.50	- 0.80	0.06
-do-Acc	136.40	145.20	- 0.80	0.06
European	66.08	70.07	- 0.65	1.08
-do-Acc	68.49	72.62	- 0.68	1.08
Far East Gen	49.57	52.74	- 0.35	...
-do-Acc	49.57	52.74	- 0.35	...
Glenfiars	240.80	256.20	- 1.60	1.33
-do-Acc	270.50	287.80	- 1.80	1.33
Growth	368.50	394.20	+ 0.40	2.58
-do-Acc	631.60	675.60	+ 0.70	2.58
Income Growth	361.40	384.50†	- 0.30	4.12
-do-Acc	480.50	511.20	- 0.40	4.12
Master Portfolio	9250.0	9599.0†	+ 7.00	5.87
-do-Acc	10664.0	11010.0	+ 8.00	2.87
Special Sits	84.55	89.95†	+ 0.69	2.53
-do-Acc	98.95	105.27	+ 0.81	2.53
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1164.0	1201.0	+ 1.00	4.65
-do-Acc	1349.0	1391.0	+ 1.00	4.66

CAPEL JAMES UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU.
071 955 5055. Dealing: 071 955 5065

American Index	193.00	205.40†	+ 0.80	1.77
Capital	517.20	551.90	- 2.40	2.53
Eurotrack 100	129.00	137.10†	- 1.20	1.75
Euro Gth	70.70	84.83	- 0.63	1.46
Far East Growth	80.73	86.15	- 0.12	0.16
Global Bond	33.51	34.78†	+ 0.12	6.96
Hong Kong	72.93	77.82	- 0.87	0.62
Income	492.30	525.40	- 1.10	4.77
Intl Growth	70.71	75.48	- 0.12	1.08
Japan Growth	208.50	222.50	- 1.10	...
Japan Smlr Cos	28.61	28.39†	- 0.09	...
Japan Index	62.28	66.48†	- 0.01	...
Nth American	417.50	445.50	+ 1.00	1.01
S pore Mly Gth	49.37	52.68	+ 0.27	...
The Fooside Fd	104.70	110.50	- 0.60	2.84
Tiger Index	135.70	144.80	- 0.40	0.72
Trinle Index	98.76	105.40†	+ 0.10	2.91
UK Index	119.00	127.00†	- 0.60	3.39

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH.
071 606 0788

American P folio	85.21	88.00	...	1.00
European P folio	71.77	76.23	...	1.38
Japanese P folio	50.76	53.88	-	0.08
Pacific P folio	90.52	99.34	+ 0.17	2.43
Cazenove P folio	68.30	73.15	...	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.34	65.69	...	5.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ.
071 588 1815

Investment Fd	585.00	591.20	...	5.04
Fixed Int	153.10	153.85	...	9.50
Deposit	6.00	6.14	...	...

CHARTIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ.
071 588 1815

Income	575.06	577.14	...	5.18
-do-Acc	2223.3	2229.1	...	...
Deposit	5.90	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.60	124.64	...	9.51
-do-Acc	162.05	162.32	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1.
071 407 5966

City Fin Assets	62.26	65.54	...	2.47
Beckman Intl	79.93	84.38	...	3.35
Friars Hse Inc	174.30	187.42	...	6.62
Friars Hse Cap	241.83	260.03	...	2.98

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222.
Dealing: 081 686 9818

American Gth	106.52	113.32	- 0.38	...
European Gth	94.88	100.94	- 0.60	1.28
Far East Gth	93.06	99.06	- 0.59	0.34
Japan Gth Acc	33.72	35.87	- 0.30	...
Managed	60.28	64.13	- 0.15	3.07
-do-Acc	72.80	77.45	- 0.18	3.07
Mnthly Inc Plus	47.28	50.30	- 0.14	8.54
Smaller Cos	31.82	33.85†	+ 0.16	2.16
-do-Acc	35.82	38.11	+ 0.04	2.16
UK General	66.59	70.84	- 0.11	2.81
-do-Acc	79.83	84.93	- 0.14	2.81
Wwide Bd	65.68	69.79	+ 0.09	6.28
-do-Acc	82.21	87.46	+ 0.11	6.28
Wwide Sp Sits	52.97	56.65†	+ 0.31	0.28
-do-Acc	55.18	59.02	- 0.32	0.28
Quilter General	120.11	127.78	- 1.19	2.54
-do-Acc	132.21	140.65	- 1.31	2.54
Quilter Income	90.25	96.01†	+ 0.24	4.67
-do-Acc	111.23	118.33	+ 0.30	4.67
Quilter Intl	122.64	130.47	- 0.62	0.46
-do-Acc	124.33	132.27	- 0.63	0.46
Quilter UK Spec	68.12	72.47	+ 0.04	2.54
-do-Acc	90.13	95.88	+ 0.06	2.54
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	98.48	104.77	+ 0.46	1.83
Fixed Conv	40.19	42.76†	+ 0.14	8.24
Fixed Int	101.51	107.97	+ 0.35	8.24
Equity Inc	139.28	148.17†	+ 0.46	4.20
-do-Acc	447.85	476.41	+ 1.47	4.20
High Yield	116.06	123.47	+ 0.48	5.26
-do-Acc	434.41	462.14	+ 1.82	5.26
Preference	47.51	50.54†	+ 0.88	7.83
PPT Conv	149.19	158.71	+ 0.86	0.59
PPT Global Bnd	84.38	89.77	+ 0.14	4.82
PPT Gold Com	69.35	32.50	+ 0.01	...
PPT Thai	57.24	60.89	+ 0.49	...
PPT Hong Kong	96.50	102.77	- 1.38	0.46
PPT Japan	92.79	98.71	+ 0.69	...
PPT N Amer	148.27	157.69	+ 0.53	...
PPT S'pore Mly	99.31	105.65	+ 0.11	...
PPT UK	112.55	119.73	+ 0.18	1.55
PPT Cash	91.05	91.05	+ 0.01	6.29

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bush Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ.
0243 577 555

Oriental Op Acc	76.59	81.48	- 0.01	0.97
Japanese Acc	48.39	51.48	- 0.19	...
UK Balanced Inc	122.20	130.00	+ 0.20	2.58
-do-Acc	142.70	151.80	+ 0.20	2.58
UK Growth Acc	202.90	215.80	...	2.24
UK High Inc	130.30	138.60	+ 0.30	6.85
-do-Acc	153.60	163.30	+ 0.20	6.85
N America Acc	160.60	117.40	+ 0.50	0.33
European Acc	152.00	161.70	+ 1.00	0.43
UK Pref Fri Inc	60.33	64.03	+ 0.06	8.82
-do-Acc	97.37	103.30	+ 0.10	8.82
Intl Sp Sits Acc	45.00	47.87	- 0.15	0.34
Environmental Opp	71.22	75.77	- 0.12	1.46

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 315 1600

American	112.50	119.50	+ 0.90	...
UK Smlr Cos	180.60	191.90	- 0.60	1.30
Eurofund	37.72	39.86	- 0.31	1.00
Mngd Exempt	165.80	170.50	+ 0.30	3.08
Growth Inc	207.30	220.50†	+ 1.00	4.08
High Dist	135.20	143.70	- 0.50	6.02
International	310.40	329.80	- 1.10	0.99
Intl Income	79.98	85.38	- 0.21	3.05
Pacific	66.80	60.40	- 0.20	0.50
Smlr Jap Cos	56.23	59.74	- 0.27	...
Tokyo	163.30	173.50	- 0.90	...

FT-SE INDEX (*2821)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Mar	135	91	57	31	15	6
Apr	170	130	80	55	34	22
May	187	152	117	89	60	52
Jun	195	165	116	110	78	62
Dec	285	-	225	-	175	-
Puts						
Mar	12	21	37	62	105	139
Apr	27	39	61	85	99	134
May	36	49	66	89	116	184
Jun	55	63	87	110	137	158
Dec	100	-	139	-	177	-

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Nat	2,700	Cons Vty	1,600	Legal & Gn	1,400	Scot & New	1,700
Allid-Lyons	808	Cm Union	1,800	Lloyds Bk	5,600	Scot Power	1,600
Anglian W	1,000	Courtaulds	446	MB Cardn	555	Sears	2,000
Argyll Gp	2,100	De La Rue	340	Marks Spr	4,600	Svrn Trent	354
Arjo Wiggn	957	Eng China C	682	NFC	877	Shell Trans	6,800
AB Foods	447	Enterpr Oil	1,500	NatWst Bk	16,000	Slebe	1,000
BAA	901	Fisons	1,300	Nat Power	872	SmKl Bch	4,500
BAT Inds	8,400	Forte	1,000	Nth Wst W	1,200	Smith Nph	712
BOC	327	GRE	2,200	Nthrn Fds	1,800	Smith (WH)	294
BP	11,000	GUS A	461	P & O	1,900	Sthrn Elec	1,700
BT	4,500	Gen Acc	1,200	Pearson	1,000	Std Chard	331
BTR	2,600	Gen Elec	1,900	PowerGen	1,100	Sun Alince	2,600
Bk of Scot	2,900	Glaxo	4,100	Prudential	1,700	TI Gp	1,300
Barclays	8,000	Granada	1,300	RTZ	2,100	TSB	8,700
Bass	987	Grand Met	4,600	Rank Org	916	Tate & Lyle	1,200
Blue Circle	3,000	Guinness	3,100	Reckitt Col	1,400	Tesco	6,900
Boots	1,000	HSBC	2,600	Redland	1,200	Thames W	1,100
Bowater	484	Hanson	3,500	Reed Intl	772	Thrn EMI	880
Brit Airways	4,400	ICI	1,100	Rentokil	831	Tomkins	1,900
Brit Gas	3,800	Inchcape	418	Reuters	226	Unilever	3,000
Brit Steel	2,900	Kingfisher	639	Rothmans	760	Utd Biscs	3,500
Burmah Cast	454	Kwik Save	151	Ryl Ins	3,400	Vodafone	4,300
Cable Wire	1,900	LASMO	1,900	Ryl Bk Scot	3,300	Wellcome	2,700
Cadbury	1,100	Ladbroke	2,700	Sainsbury	1,700	Whitbd 'A'	846
Carlton Cm	1,000	Land Secs	1,200	Scot Hydro	2,100	Wimps Hld	2,200

February 23. 1993 Tot: 33045 Call: 22566 Put: 10479 FT-SE Call: 3035 Put: 2575
*Underlying security price.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3340.83 (-2.16)
S&P Composite 435.09 (-0.15)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 16863.15 (+42.54)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6149.19 (-82.69)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 100.1 (same)

Sydney: AO 1608.3 (+3.3)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1661.58 (-19.16)

FT 30 share: 2180.7 (-17.3)

Brussels:
General 5998.49 (+31.21)

Paris: CAC n/a

Zurich: SKA Gen 466.1 (-5.4)

London:
FT A All-Share 1378.84 (-8.06)
FT 500 1514.04 (-7.76)
FT Gold Mines 93.5 (-0.2)
FT Fixed Interest 112.41 (+0.16)
FT Govt Secs 96.54 (-0.03)
Bargains 29945
SEAQ Volume 597.8m
USM (Datastrm) 130.64 (-0.86)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 22	March 5	June 3	June 14

Call options were taken out on 23/2/93: Amstrad, Aran Energy, ADT, Avesco, Babcock, Danka Business Sys, Harrington, Hartstone, Mid-States, Williams hldgs. Puts: Avesco, Campari, Kleinwort Benson, Riva, Southern Business. Puts & Calls: Asda, Amstrad.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 93	2850.0	2859.0	2810.0	2818.0	14447
Previous open interest: 55402	Jun 93	2867.0	2870.0	2825.0	2832.0	1676
Three Month Sterling	Mar 93	94.05	94.08	94.03	94.08	8814
Previous open interest: 295932	Jun 93	94.65	94.68	94.64	94.66	11307
	Sep 93	94.79	94.81	94.77	94.78	4009
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 93	96.79	96.80	96.78	96.80	450
Previous open interest: 22013	Jun 93	96.64	96.69	96.62	96.69	1044
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 93	91.95	91.95	91.84	91.86	30804
Previous open interest: 462825	Jun 93	93.01	93.03	92.93	92.94	44819
US Treasury Bond	Mar 93	110-21	111-07	110-10	111-04	86
Previous open interest: 407	Jun 93				109-29	0
Long Gilt	Mar 93	103-16	103-27	103-15	103-25	34848
Previous open interest: 63015	Jun 93	105-04	105-12	105-00	105-10	13841
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	111.60	111.60	111.55	111.64	170
	Jun 93	110.95	110.95	110.82	110.94	1360
German Govmt Bond	Mar 93	94.80	94.87	94.54	94.72	83395
Previous open interest: 139650	Jun 93	95.15	95.25	94.93	95.15	28411
Three month ECU	Mar 93	90.66	90.66	90.55	90.56	777
Previous open interest: 17420	Jun 93	91.69	91.70	91.60	91.61	857
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 93	94.70	94.71	94.60	94.64	3112
Previous open interest: 50887	Jun 93	95.42	95.42	95.31	95.37	5029
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 93	96.15	96.22	95.73	95.83	15403
Previous open interest: 41910	Jun 93	95.70	96.03	95.62	95.68	387

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 23

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	82.16	112.01	126.06
(-/-)	+0.42	+7.02	+3.41
Eng/Wales:	81.78	111.16	124.45
(-/-)	-0.28	+6.36	+3.02
(%)	-15.0	-18.0	-28.5
Scotland:	85.41	114.75	129.67
(-/-)	+2.80	+9.01	+3.73
(%)	-64.1	-2.1	-13.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	unq	unq	Aug	104.0	104.0
Jul	104.0	104.0		Volume: 6	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	144.05	May	827 BID
May	145.90	Jul	842 BID
Jun	146.70	Sep	856 BID
Sep	110.30	Dec	875 BID
Nov	112.25	Volume: 11508	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	962-960	Nov	931-928
May	949-948	Jan	946-940
Jul	913-912	Mar	960-948
Sep	921-918	Volume: 2261	

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Cannalotte		Dec	206.0-94.0
Spot: 206.0		Dec	197.0-93.0
Mar	unq	Mar	199.0-95.0
May	220.0-18.0	May	200-198
Aug	224.0-22.0	Volume: 56	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	253.0-52.1
Spot: 270.0		Mar	252.0-49.1
May	272.0-70.8	May	255.9-51.1
Aug	272.9-71.0	Aug	260.4-53.1
Oct	255.0-54.0	Volume: 1559	

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	152.30	Jun	142.50
Jun	142.50	Aug	144.00
Aug	144.00	Oct	147.30
Oct	147.30	Dec	unq
Dec	unq	Volume: 0	

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	43.0	43.3
May	45.0	45.4
Apr	93.0	94.3
	Volume: 91	

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Clf (p/t)

Apr	67.50-67.00		

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3 mths	Vol: 773750
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1515.0-1515.5	1540.5-1541.0	
Lead (£/tonne)	280.50-281.00	290.50-291.00	57375
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1058.0-1059.0	1078.0-1078.5	232350
Tin ($/tonne)	5735.0-5740.0	5795.0-5800.0	6005
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1197.0-1197.5	1219.0-1219.5	737006
Nickel ($/tonne)	6170.0-6175.0	6225.0-6230.0	25326

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Cocoa futures finished just below a three month high with the market boosted by active industry demand. Robusta coffee futures closed with losses of up to $16 a tonne with the market coming under pressure from origin selling. The market continued to be locked in a fairly narrow range, trapped between overhead producer selling interest and solid underlying support from roasters.

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): With more Opec members confirming their adherence to the recent accord, levels surged even higher.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.95	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Mar)	18.95	+0.40
Brent 15 day (Apr)	18.90	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	20.45	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (May)	20.50	+0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid:	Offer:
Premium Gas .15	194 (+1)	196 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	175 (+2)	176 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Mar	177 (+2)	178 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Apr	176 (+2)	177 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	71 (+1)	73 (+1)
Naphtha	175 (+3)	178 (+4)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Mar	173.50-73.75	Jun	173.50-74.00
Apr	173.75-74.00	Jul	174.75-75.00
May	173.25-73.75	Aug	176.25-76.75
		Vol: 11014	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	18.87-18.90	Jul	18.96 BID
May	18.90-18.94	Aug	18.97-19.05
Jun	18.94 BID	Vol: 32866	

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar	194.5-196.0	Jun	202.5-205.0
Apr	199.0-200.0	Jul	unq
May	200.0-202.0	Vol: 25	

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High:	Low:	Close:
Feb 93	unq	unq	1377
Mar 93	1390	1375	1375
Apr 93	1380	1360	1364
Jul 93	1180	1180	1180

Vol: 169 lots. Open int'st: 2789 Index: 1375 +2

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 77.0 (day's range 77.0-77.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 23	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6499-2.6621	2.6564-2.6598	³/₈-¹/₂pds	1¹/₈-1³/₄pds
Brussels	48.47-48.78	48.68-48.78	9-12pds	30-34pds
Copenhagen	9.0530-9.1190	9.06 10-9.0830	6³/₄-10¹/₄pds	23¹/₂-26¹/₂pds
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Shares lose ground

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 15. Dealings end February 26. §Contango day March 1. Settlement day March 8. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	BPP	Business Serv	
2	Lloyds Abbey	Insurance	
3	Budgen	Foods	
4	First Tech	Electrical	
5	Union Disc	Banks,Disc	
6	Avon Rubber	Industrial	
7	Travis Perkins	Building,Rds	
8	Burmah Castrl	Oils, Gas	
9	Hambros	Banks,Disc	
10	Abbott Mead	Paper,Print	
11	Fletcher King	Property	
12	Br Petroleum	Oils, Gas	
13	Sth Western	Electricity	
14	Amstrad	Electrical	
15	Intereare Gp	Industrial	
16	Matthew Clark	Breweries	
17	Johnstne Press	Newspapr,Pub	
18	Calor Gp	Oils, Gas	
19	Manweb	Electricity	
20	Norweb	Electricity	
21	Br Borneo	Oils, Gas	
22	Prism Leisure	Leisure	
23	Reckitt Colm	Industrial	
24	Refuge	Insurance	
25	Adwest	Industrial	
26	Stoddard	Textiles	
27	Low & Bonar	Industrial	
28	Lloyd Thomp	Insurance	
29	Midlands Elec	Electricity	
30	Central TV	Leisure	
31	Boot (Henry)	Building,Rds	
32	Reliance Sec	Business Serv	
33	Invesco M1M	Fin Trusts	
34	Seebourd	Electricity	
35	Goal Pet	Oils, Gas	
36	Southnews	Newspapr,Pub	
37	Watson & Phil	Foods	
38	Manders	Building,Rds	
39	Treatt	Foods	
40	CRH	Building,Rds	

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Please take into account any minus signs

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1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

399	265½	Abbey Nt	385	...	10.5	3.6	13.3
205	154	Alfred Inch	200	+1	...	5.6	12.1
197½	103	Ass New Z	163	+2	...	5.5	...
3725	1900	Barkhampton	3625 †	+37½	...	...	...
321	181	Bk of Ireland	199	+1	...	6.0	31.9
345	320	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	16.0	7.5	...
140	97	Bank Scotland	133	-5	4.3	4.4	20.9
464	234	Barclays	427½	-21½	21.1	6.6	...
6	1¾	Brockmask	3	...	...	...	...
204	28	Brown & Shipley	37	...	...	...	...
21	10	Carlisle	17½	...	...	...	...
460	266	Cater Allen	459	...	20.0	7.6	...
104	61	Charles	104	...	3.8	4.9	15.2
2225	912½	Chase Manh	2145xd	+19½	...	...	...
1850	532½	Citicorp	1725 †	-25	...	...	...
315	205	Close Bros	313	-2	9.5	4.0	13.9
£118	86½	Commercbk	£118	-2½	...	3.3	...
£289½	£214	Deutsche Bk	£282½	-150	...	2.2	...
81	11½	First Nat Fin	80	...	...	...	...
1804	695	Fuji Bank Y	1035	-3	...	0.5	58.8
425	230	Gerrard Nat	424	...	21.0	6.6	...
606	296	HSBC	583	-5	...	3.4	24.0
597	513	HSBC HK	589	+5	...	3.5	23.4
351	253	Hambros	308	+4	13.8	6.0	13.7
363	308	Joseph (H)	358	...	15.8	5.9	...
119	54	King Shaxson	119	...	5.0	5.6	...
280	212	Kleinwort Ben	279	-1	16.0	5.8	...
573	346	Lloyds	517 †	-6	...	4.7	7.2
78	40	Lon Scot Bk	78	...	3.0	5.1	15.5
381	258	Nat Asst Bk	379	+1½	...	5.3	13.2
485	251	Nat West	443	-16	...	5.4	59.6
785	418	Provident	774	...	25.0	4.3	17.7
45	25	Ren Bros	45	...	0.5	1.5	...
251	177	Tyl Bk Scot	237	-3	8.8	5.0	...
1575	1043	Schroders	1575	...	18.0	1.5	18.3
672	364	Stand Chart	640	-2	20.0	4.2	16.5
179½	115	TSB	179 †	-1	6.4	4.0	...
300	38	Union Disc	119	+4	13.5	...	...
630	403	Warburg SG	622	-2	18.0	3.9	18.4
216	137	-do- 6% 'A'	212	-1	...	3.8	...
6725	3087½	Wells Fargo	6487½	+65½	...	1.6	...
183	99	Westpac	154	...	...	...	...
353	188	Wintrust	200	...	9.3	6.3	7.6

BREWERIES

712	526	Allied-Lyons	595	-2	20.0	4.5	13.8
656	472	Bass	583	-7	18.0	4.3	12.7
245	146	Boddington	201	...	8.6	4.4	12.7
400	243	Bulmer (HP)	376	...	9.0	3.2	17.3
159	111	Burnmred Brw	155	...	4.4	3.8	11.3
291	194	Dewhurst (A)	270	...	7.8	3.8	...
107	66	Eldridge P 'A'•	93	+2	...	4.8	25.8
84½	47	Fosters Brewing	65	...	...	4.2	...
440	340	Fullr Sm 'A'•	340	...	...	2.6	14.3
518	360	Grand Met	445	-6	12.3	3.7	14.7
1424	1083	Greenalls Grp	1409	+2	37.4	3.8	15.5
530	406	Greene King	498	+2	11.6	2.9	13.7
644	450	Guinness	456	-12	10.8	3.2	13.1
346	245	Hardy Hanson	262	-2	7.9	4.0	14.6
145	113	Hawkshead	113 †	...	3.0	3.6	...
105	78	-do- 'A'	78 †	...	...	3.8	10.9
305	193	Highland Dist	287	...	6.0	3.0	17.8
48	21	Hoskins Brew	40	...	...	...	28.8
335	250	Invrgordn Dist	273	-1	6.5	3.2	15.4
220	191	Macallan-Glen	172	...	8.7	5.1	19.7
340	260	Macdn Martin 'A'	335	...	8.8	2.7	13.7
670	515	Mansfield	665	+4	13.6	2.6	14.7
269	166	Mason Thmp	240	+2	4.9	2.7	14.1
197	164	Matthew Clark	429	+1	15.7	4.9	12.3
351	195	Morpthwn W	280	...	...	2.3	19.1
1000	520	Morland	980	...	34.4	3.5	18.5
10½	5½	Paramounte	8½	+½	...	...	...
1020	665	SA Breweries	928	-2	...	...	...
492	380	Scot & Newc	439	+5	16.1	4.9	12.9
200	145	Taunton Cider	189	...	...	3.4	17.7
241	148	Vaux Group	220	...	9.3	5.7	15.3
250	165	Wetherspoon JD	250	+1	...	2.6	20.2
499	347	Whitbread 'A'	445	-6	...	3.1	12.5
1436	1073	-do- 'B'	1073	...	16.9	2.1	30.2
960	578	Wolvrhmptn D	584	...	11.4	2.6	16.4
545	453	Young 'A'	508	-2	14.5	3.8	22.2

BUILDING, ROADS

95	60	Abbey	93	...	...	1.5	33.5
27	9	Alfabrghtsne	20	...	...	...	...
128	54	Allens	109	...	...	8.3	18.8
62	53	Amec	59	...	10.2	...	8.3
27	2½	Anglia Sec	9	...	...	...	...
192	85	Ashtead•	182	+8	4.1	3.0	23.2
151	100	Ashwoods	133	-2	5.0	5.1	19.1
138	123	BPB Ind	217	-17	11.2	...	58.2
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	77	...	3.1	5.4	25.9
15	8	Bailey (Geo) Cm	11	...	1.2	10.9	...
118	68	Barcrom	117	...	12.5	11.8	14.5
130	34	Barratt Devs	125	-2	2.0	2.1	13.9
383	305	Bellway	383 †	+1	11.5	4.0	22.5
32	14	Bellwinson	30	...	...	...	...
359	189	Berkeley Gp	359	+3	5.0	1.9	23.8
108	89	Ben Bros	45	...	...	...	30.8
89	27	Blockleys	40	...	3.3	...	30.8
284½	121	Blue Circle	232.5	+5	11.2	6.5	23.2
260	140½	Boot (Henry)	260	+5	2.7	14.5	...
81	39	Brockm PLC	80	-4	4.6	6.9	17.2
180	62	Br Dredging	95	...	7.4	10.4	12.3
182	62	Brk Fittings	65	...	3.3	...	...
180	62	Bryant	180	...	5.0	5.0	27.2
128	60	CALA	80	...	5.1	...	...
80	38	CRH	224	+3	...	3.9	12.5
249	14	Cakebread Hby	38	...	...	...	...
48	18½	Cossain	20	-2	4.1	4.6	31.7
143	51	Countryside	120 †	...	0.0	...	...
66	23	Crest Nicholson	52	...	...	...	...
58	14	Cussins	46	...	...	...	...
6	1	Dunmore	3	...	...	...	...
45	12	Edmond Hdgs	34½	...	1.8	...	10.0
25	6	Edmund Nutt	18	...	...	4.9	14.8
211	132	Eyrth	32	...	2.0	...	...
54	23	Erith	30†	...	...	4.3	10.9
300	230	Eve Groups	300	...	5.6	...	23.2
88	35	Everest Pardon	43	...	...	...	...
3	1	Explasurve	4½	...	...	...	...
79	68	Freeman Gps	102	...	...	4.3	12.5
78	40	Galliford	75	...	...	...	...
75	43	Gibbs & Dandy	70	...	12.7	2.4	10.5
575	578	Glevum (Jul)	708	...	2.1	4.6	19.0
114	67	Hewden-Stuart	98	+1	2.6	...	37.3
43	28	Hewetson	10	...	...	...	...
38	15	Hey & Croffs	16	-4	12.5	8.4	18.3
188	128	Heywd Wthp	169	...	9.0	...	6.0
388	178	Higgs & Hill	59	...	2.5	...	10.7
39	23	How Gp	31	...	0.5	3.7	...
30	10	Howard Hdgs	18	...	0.0	...	...
66	36	Hsbck Johnsen	53	...	0.5	...	...
43	14½	Jarvis	108	-1	9.0	8.1	10.3
240	109	Laing (J)	7½	...	2.0	...	2.4
28	7½	Lilley	24	...	4.5	6.1	27.9
25	14	Lk Clydesdale	15½	...	...	...	7.0
22	4½	Lovell (Y)	20½	+3	7.0	3.1	21.0
302	180	Manders	109	-4	4.2	5.1	27.5
148	57	Marley	70	...	...	9.5	23.4
97	47	Marshalls	90	...	4.5	5.1	17.9
155	101	Maunders (J)	150	-2	10.3	...	9.7
219	76	McAlpine (A)	139	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

543	343	ADT	536	-2	...	...	...
248	193	Adecn & Harvey	238	...	11.0	4.6	24
127	53	Air Londongs	88	...	...	5.3	10.9
65	36	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	3.7	9.3
152	81	Aztec Sec	150	...	4.0	4.8	12.5
208	80	BET Ord	88½	-8½	...	9.8	13.0
109	41	BNB Res	69	...	4.9	9.5	8.1
318	208	BPP	311	+6	6.9	3.0	17.6
285	178	Barbour Index	270	...	7.2	3.6	20.0
30½	13	Benskind	17	...	0.7	5.5	14.9
230	111	Brk Dem Mgr	230	...	...	2.3	19.2
14	9	Broadcastle	13	...	...	...	...
161	58	Brooks Service	61	...	4.0	...	19.4
145	72	CSC Gp	90	...	2.4	3.5	10.4
479	262	Capita Group	468	+6	6.3	1.8	...
36	19	Casket Pic	33½	...	0.5	2.0	12.7
290	254	Chiltern Capital	52	-1	...	...	...
39	22	Christie	38	...	...	...	...
262	180	Chubb Sec	222	-5	...	1.4	30.0
43	18	Comacc	32	...	...	...	...
31	5½	Corp Services	14	+1	...	...	...
123	48	Dext	78	...	3.3	4.6	8.8
236	145	Davis Service	205	+1	7.9	3.2	15.6
115	85	EW Pack•	98	...	...	3.9	7.3
57	8	Gardiner	13½	...	1.3	12.8	4.2
48	21	Gardner (DC)	26	-3	...	...	...
240	163	Hays	243 †	+1	6.6	2.5	23.9
251	169•	Hogg Robinson	201	...	6.3	4.2	15.1
143½	43	Holmes Protects	69	...	...	...	...
196	98	Hunch Whamp	195	-1	...	...	16.7
1114xd	685½	ISS I DKr	1114xd	...	...	1.0	15.7
594	375	Inchcape	588	-2	12.5	2.8	25.0
785	561	Johnson Clean	785	...	25.7	4.4	16.3
18½	2½	Lep	9½	...	...	...	...
244	168	Mide Gp	225 †	...	2.7	1.6	18.5
1187	682	Manpower	1100 †	...	...	...	...
44½	32½	Michael Page	44	...	1.8	3.5	12.2
250	68	Pennan•	250	...	...	1.1	63.3
5½	2	Prime People•	2½	...	...	...	...
398	68	Proudfoot Alex	100	-1	18.3	26.5	7.2
453	355	RCO	435	...	12.8	4.5	14.1
183	117	REA	118	...	6.0	4.5	...
81	48	Reed Executive	53	...	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Secs	145	+2	...	4.1	14.6
15	3	Reminaster•	7	...	...	...	...
227	154	Rentokil	217	-3	1.6	1.0	51.9
248	180	Robb & Nolan	248	+3	8.2	3.3	16.6
389	234	Salvesen (C)	387	-1	7.0	2.4	21.4
43	25	Scot Pickford•	32	...	...	3.9	8.8
98	59	Securigrand	197 †	+1	8.4	8.4	...
12	1•	Select Appt•	9½	...	...	...	...
768	555	Serco Gp	755	...	11.9	2.1	24.2
317	132	Sherwd Cmpa	315	...	...	2.5	8.5
157	82	Shrokley	116	...	3.0	3.4	15.2
360	220	Werner Howard	348	...	5.9	2.3	19.7
87	40	Welpac	40	...	0.6	2.0	...
22½	7½	Wills Gp	21½	+½	...	0.7	27.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

248	162	Allied Colloids	248	+1	3.9	2.1	19.7
731	413	Amersham	730	+3	12.5	2.3	22.1
31½	5•	Angle Ind	5½	-½	0.8	...	...
9862½	7360½	BASF DM	9712½	-150	...	8.1	...
260	201	BTP	258	...	8.8	4.6	18.9
£119	90½	Bayer DM50	£110½	-2.5½	...	4.5	...
248	126	Blagden	138	...	9.5	9.3	9.9
158	115	Brent Chemc	147	...	7.3	6.7	69.5
530	418	Br Bio-Tech	481	-36	...	...	...
95	13	Cmbd Gp	29	...	1.5	15.0	1.8
178	112	Crossley (W)	167	...	7.2	6.6	11.8
616	371	Courtaulds	565	-5	13.0	3.1	15.3
270½	142	Croda	252	-2	7.5	4.0	19.1
317	152	Ellis & Everard	190	...	7.5	4.0	17.3
16½	7	Euro Colour	15½	...	0.6	5.6	...
139	43	Evode	138	...	3.5	3.5	...
281	171	Halstead (J)	281	+1	...	2.8	15.0
222	159	Hickson	204	+1	7.8	4.7	14.3
£114½	75½	Imperial	£112½	-16½	...	7.0	...
1410	975	ICI	1094	-2	55.0	6.8	25.9
687	434	Laporte	680	-2	18.9	3.7	18.3
328	198	Leigh	309	...	7.8	5.0	17.1
200	11	MTM	14	...	...	2.8	...
1687½	1103	Marsh Mcinn	1612½	-12½	...	1.8	...
410	360	Paterson Zoch	410	...	11.4	3.7	17.7
395	355	-do- 'A'	373	...	11.4	4.1	16.1
308	231	Plysu	305	-2	8.0	3.1	17.6
206	150	Polvalr	205	...	3.6	2.4	...
13	4½	Sutcliffe Speak	12	...	...	...	...
675	328	Wardle Storeys	433	...	16.0	4.9	17.4
445	270	Wiltshire F	443	...	16.3	4.9	19.5
402	253	Yorks Chem	400	-1	...	2.6	...
295	214	Yule Catto	285	...	5.4	2.4	17.9

FINANCE, LAND

58	28	Aitken Hume	53	...	0.5	...	33.9
69	37½	BWD•	64	-2	...	6.3	8.9
124	23	Baltic Pic	50	...	4.3	...	4.4
453	289	Caledonia	436	...	16.4	4.4	16.7
1950	1050	Cumellia	1450	...	27.0	2.5	12.2
290	208	Candover	268	...	9.5	5.1	20.5
91	48	Fleetwda•	85	...	...	...	8.4
201	103	Govett	197	-1	...	7.0	5.7
135	97	Ivory Sime	131	...	...	6.4	13.9
6½	3½	LET	6	...	...	...	...
165	7½	Lighterslip	12 ff	...	...	...	0.6
179	110	Lon Forfaiting•	170	...	...	5.7	15.5
84½	14	Manabin	76	...	...	...	...
106	74	Nat Home Loan	99	-½	...	...	...
247	24	Newmarket	46	...	...	...	...
260	179	Rathbone Bro	250	...	...	2.7	17.7
19½	9½	Rotland Tst	18	...	0.8	5.9	10.2
330	220	S & U	280	-1	...	3.8	10.4
65	34	Singer & Fried	64	...	2.5	5.2	14.4
938	575	Smiths	900 †	+12	...	2.6	...
96	73	STP Capital	95	...	...	3.0	4.2

ELECTRICALS

108	45	AB Elect	66	...	...	...	...
199	128	ACT Group	165	...	4.5	3.6	16.8
236	195	Acala	236	+3	...	3.3	19.7
117	90	Accsys Compa	117	...	...	...	...
299	209	Admiral	270	+1	5.4	1.5	...
133	94	Alba	120	+1	4.7	5.3	15.6
75	7	Alphameric	31	-1½	...	...	...
44	19	Ampstrad	28	-1	0.4	...	...
141	83	App Holds•	123	-1	...	...	...
22	12	Arlen	14	...	...	...	...
48	12	Astec	44½	...	...	...	...
268	218	Beales Hunter	268	...	6.2	4.6	14.0
299	209	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
374	207	BICC	332	-7	10.2	7.7	19.4
575	414	Berisford	513	-10	20.0	3.9	12.8
4575	1150	Borthwicke	2000	-2	6.0	2.8	19.8
383	238	Boothorpe	380	-2	14.4	4.8	15.1
430½	305	BT	404	...	20.1	4.6	...
9	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	8½	...	...	5.1	...
226	80	Burndrid	126	-7	13.2	24	22.4
748	498	Cable Wireless	725	...	...	...	...
14½	4•	Chloride	13	...	...	6.5	10.8
61	42	Clarke T	42	...	...	4.8	11.8
303	205	Cmbt Micro•	295	...	5.4	...	11.5
183	93	Comptr People	89	...	...	...	14.5
151	60½	Cray Elect	138	...	1.0	0.5	11.3
308	231	Crichley	308	+2	...	...	21.5
306	231	Delta	306	+3	14.0	4.3	17.2
286	198	Dernmans Ele	287	...	...	2.7	...
607	395	Dowding	584	...	7.2	1.6	...
66	43	Dowding Mills	57	...	2.5	5.8	18.2
1015	750	Druck•	1000	...	...	1.3	23.5
473	320	Electrocomponents	373	-4	7.0	2.5	20.2
286	226	Ei Data Prc	255	...	5.1	1.3	14.6
75	28	Electron House	67 †	...	2.3	4.7	20.4
29½	7	Emess	25½	+½	1.0	...	...
530	292	Eurotherm	525	-4	8.0	2.0	23.9
128	51	FKI	126	-1	2.3	2.4	24.4
367	222	Farnell Elect	358	-1	5.8	2.2	19.4
40	19	Feedback•	38	...	...	...	...
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486	305	Hostrym Gp	454	...	2.4	0.7	...
135	65	INSTEM•	92	+2	...	6.1	5.8
355	160	Jones Stroud	355 †	+5	8.0	3.0	15.5

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382	68	Alexon	80	-1	...	5.0	4.3
109	23	Amber Day	50	...	3.1	8.3	12.7
306	169	Argos Plc	272	-4	9.4	3.1	18.9
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	77	...	0.1	0.2	...
305	180	Asprey•	285	...	...	2.2	23.8
340	180	Austin Reed	195	...	...	...	56.8
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	142	...	5.7	5.4	13.6
144	74	Bentalls	113	...	3.8	4.5	63.8
266	86	Bestwood	244	+1	...	0.7	33.6
114	22	Blacks Leis	26	...	3.3	...	5.4
371	133	Body Shop	151	...	1.6	1.4	17.4
14½	3	Brown & Jackson	13½	...	...	...	...
361	200	Brown (N)	357	...	6.0	2.2	22.1
80½	29	Burton	73	-2	...	3.7	...
320	126	Cantors	143	...	...	2.5	10.0
358	245	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	28.1
133	58	Clinton Cards	128	...	3.7	2.9	...
231	131	Coats Viyella	224	-3	7.0	4.3	25.7
165	77	Colourvision•	99	-1	...	...	16.7
416	300	Comm Furnish	414	...	5.0	1.6	20.8
253	100	Crown Eyes	130	...	...	6.2	6.4
111	60	Daisy Farm Ind	95	-5	...	...	15.4
57	27½	Dewhirst (H)	56	...	0.7	1.7	18.6
286	179	Dixons Grp	238	-6	8.0	3.7	25.6
495	355	Dunhill	376	-1	7.7	2.7	13.0
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76	30	Hampden Grps	35	-1	...	7.6	5.0
283	122	Hartstone	270	-2	4.8	1.5	16.2
73	48	Heritage•	57	+1	...	...	...
58	25	Honeysuckle•	54	...	...	2.5	9.0
166	130	Hse of Lerose	145	...	10.3	8.8	21.2
118	48	Jacques Vert	65	...	2.0	...	...
582	398	Kingfisher	546	-8	...	3.3	16.4
74	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	73	...	...	4.0	7.5
685	405	Liberty	668	-17	7.2	1.5	44.8
393	165	Lloyds Chem	375	-5	5.5	1.2	16.5
152	90½	MFI	135	-2	4.0	2.9	16.7
348	268	Marks Spencer	338	-5	7.1	2.8	20.6
639	380	Mercantile Hse	488 †	...	10.0	2.7	16.2
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250	110	Oriflame Int	243	-6	...	4.9	15.8
248	113	Pentos	240	-3	...	2.5	17.4
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As companies cut back on the number of secretaries, those left behind have to take on greater responsibilities. **Sally Watts** reports

Initiative is the key to success

Paradoxically, as companies slim down, the secretary's role is expanding. Her or his changing status, as he or she moves up from factotum to specialist, reflects the current changes in company practice.

"The secretary's role is altering massively. In government and business they now attend meetings on behalf of the boss and write reports," says Deborah Allcock, who is in charge of secretarial development at the Industrial Society, which is at present examining the whole future of the secretarial career.

For example, should there be more disabled secretaries? And is "secretary" the correct job description anyway?

Initiative is essential for the successful secretary, according to Peter Toner, who handles training at Angela Mortimer's recruitment consultancy. When companies cut back, secretaries who remain have a "terribly important" front-line role, with responsibility for their firms' image. "Whereas last year a company might have employed four secretaries, each earning £20,000, it now pays to have only one, running three or four people's functions, for £30,000 to £35,000," he says.

"There will be more specialists — secretaries who understand their work area and can liaise between managers and clients. Some have an absolute wealth of knowledge — law, banking, marketing, computing." A growing number, he adds, are highly skilled in managing office technology.

His colleague, Penny Humphrey, runs an annual seminar for 150 college leavers, held in May between their work experience and exams. She says: "We show them what an exciting career lies ahead. Many still think of it as typing and making coffee. But what you do in your first job will not be the same forever."

At last year's seminar, Kay Boardman, a highly paid PA, described how she had managed her career, planning each step, and how her duties changed as she progressed. But if leaner companies retain only one secretary, she or he has to be the best. So, how do you become the best?

Good qualifications are important. The Institute of Qualified Private Secretaries, which helps professional and career development, also has a students' category; members receive a support pack, price £8, for a year. Distance learning is a newer way to train. Elaine Howard, a former secretary, now an Open University graduate, owns Kudos Training, a small college in Kew, southwest London.

In addition to day and evening classes, she runs distance learning for the London Chamber of Commerce's private secretary's certificate, as a main subject of the private and executive secretary's diploma. The certificate includes communication, secretarial administration and management appreciation.

"This is a good way of self-improvement. Students attend monthly Saturday workshops; near the exams there are two a month," Mrs Howard says. "Students come from all over the country. More employers now pay for their secretaries to train, both for distance learning and other methods."

Another choice is the Industrial Society's range of six courses — reorganised to link with the National Vocational Qualifications — which cover everyone from beginners up to senior secretaries who lead office teams. Most courses include working with management; all aim to build confidence.

They are held in Birmingham, Glasgow, Leeds, London, Manchester and, occasionally, Bristol. They are all employer-funded. "I want more secretaries to see the work as a gateway and profession," says Mary Overton, a senior management adviser. "Europe, too, can open possibilities if they build up languages."

Important though skills and experience are, there must be the "value added" factor. It is called personality: how you are perceived by those you work with. Mrs Boardman, who was chosen by Angela Mortimer as its 1992 PA of the Year, says: "I have old fashioned views: I believe in being as helpful, pleasant and accommodating as possible, even when you are asked to do something at the last minute. Put your work first; have a positive mental attitude. If you grow out of a job, move on. But while you are there make yourself indispensable."

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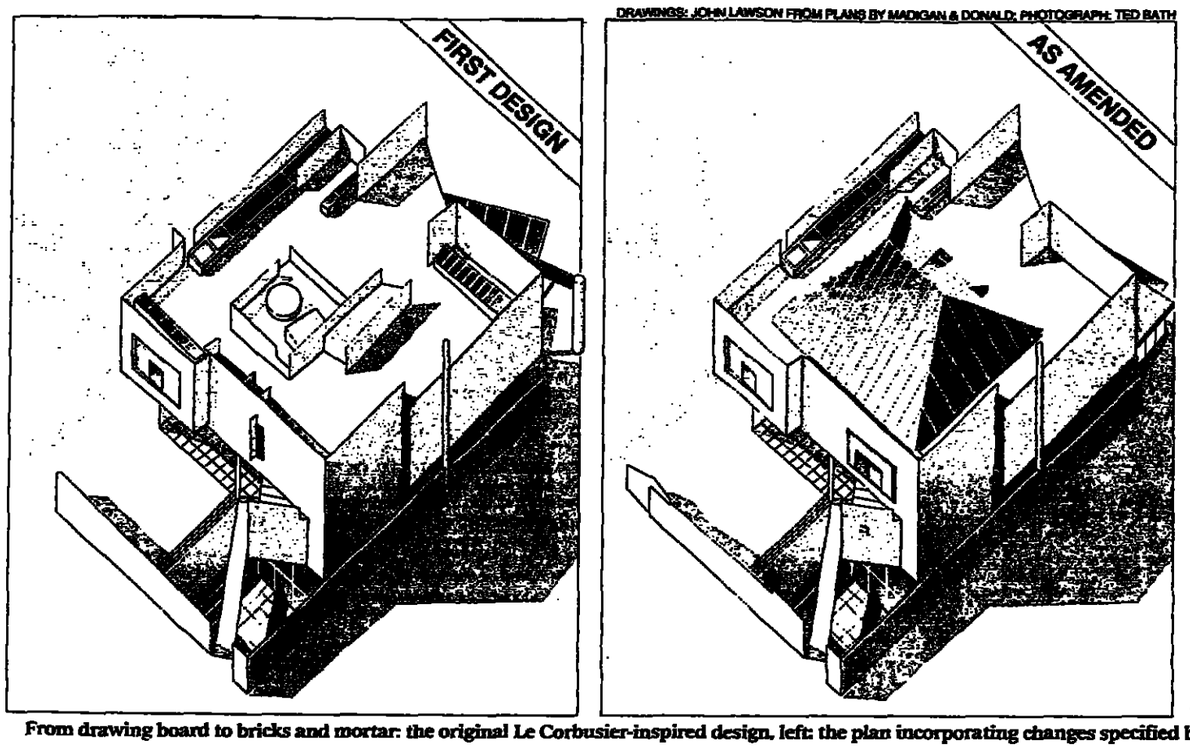
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Drawing up the battle lines

Rachel Kelly on a fresh outbreak of hostilities between architects and planners



DRAWINGS: JOHN LAWSON FROM PLANS BY MADIGAN & DONALD; PHOTOGRAPH: TED BATH

From drawing board to bricks and mortar: the original Le Corbusier-inspired design, left: the plan incorporating changes specified by the planning authorities; and, right, as built in north London

Oh dear. After an uneasy truce that lasted several years, planners and architects are fighting again. The cause? An exhibition, which has just ended, at the Royal Institute of British Architects (Riba) building in London's West End. The last time the two professions rattled sabres was six years ago when Michael Manser, then the president of Riba, described the planning system as entirely destructive. Riba and the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) managed to patch up the row. But their fence-mending seems now to have been in vain.

The exhibition, "Before And After Planning", organised by the architects Hawkins Brown, is to blame. By showing designs before and after the decisions of planning committees, the exhibition set out to destroy the belief that architects alone design buildings. Some of the schemes show how buildings were completely redesigned at the planning stage, resulting in finished versions that look nothing like the original idea.

That planning authorities have an impact on the built environment has become a cliché in the profession; in any case, architects have always had to please their clients and public opinion. Admirers of St Paul's Cathedral should descend to the crypt and look at the 1674 model of what Christopher Wren originally intended.

But the Hawkins Brown exhibition has irked the planners with its suggestion that they abuse their influence, and that the final schemes have turned out for the worse because of planners. And they are counter-attacking. RTPI says it is investigating "in some detail" the background to the schemes in the exhibition. "On the evidence available so far", RTPI adds, "and from the exhibition itself, conclusions drawn by several commentators that town planners are imposing arbitrary personal taste upon architects are quite unjustified."

Government guidelines on planning, drawn up jointly by architects and planners, make it clear that the role of the authorities is to facilitate the work of good architects; it is not for planners to become involved in design details. "Aesthetic judgments are to some extent subjective and authorities should not impose their taste on applications for planning permission simply because they believe it to be superior," the guidelines state.

The exhibition organisers have been justifying themselves ever since. They never intended their show to be an exercise in planner-bashing, they say. Roger Hawkins, a Hawkins Brown partner, explains: "The traditional view is of antagonism between planners and architects, but this was not our intention. We chose 20 schemes for the exhibition. There are some schemes which have changed for the better, but others where individual planners have imposed arbitrary taste to the detriment of the scheme. It is too simplistic to say that architects are good, and planners are bad."

He cites a house in north London as an example of how planners and architects can work together to achieve a better result than either in isolation. The architects in this instance, Madigan & Donald, were asked by a private client to replace a pair of semi-detached suburban houses with a single modern house. They presented a design with a single flat-roofed house, in the style of Le Corbusier. The planners objected to the form, which was deemed out of character with the street. The planners had made it clear that a "more traditional design would overcome the reasons for refusal". The result was the introduction of a pitched roof. Critics would say that a good modern design had been spoilt by an absurd pitched roof. But the architects accepted the changes. Steve Donald, a partner in the firm, says: "Despite the planning process, the design evolved to become a more meaningful piece of architecture, a more concise and coherent response to its surrounding context, and a more precise reflection of the client's residential needs."

> Suggestions have included a return to protecting homeowners from a factory being built next door and influencing the size of new structures, but little else

Mr Donald's criticism of the authorities concerns itself more with other problems of the planning system, which are familiar to many homeowners: delays in processing, and the planners' concentration on minor details.

One homeowner in Scotland who wanted to convert a barn into a private house near Buchlyvie, 12 miles west of Stirling, was involved in nearly two years of negotiation with planners at Strathclyde council. When the house was bought in summer, 1989, the previous owners had already obtained outline approval for the conversion. The new owner organised a competition for a scheme, won by the architects Nicoll Russell Studios. It involved leaving the barn largely intact. But planning approval was denied and eight months of negotiation and consultation followed. A design was finally accepted with only minor alterations to the second planning application.

"Communication and information from the planners was at best inconsistent, at worst, non-existent," a Nicoll Russell spokesman says. "This inevitably resulted in considerable and unnecessary delay to the project, and the horrendous additional cost to our practice to achieve a satisfactory solution."

RTPI counters that consultation has to take place as part of the planning process, and that takes time. "Planners must consult the community, local residents and other concerned bodies," says RTPI's Yvonne Cook. "The latest figures we have, for the second quarter of 1992, show that 63 per cent of planning applications made in England were determined within eight weeks of being submitted, and a further 23 per cent within nine to 13 weeks. Planning applications are much more likely to be approved than refused: 85 per cent of applications were granted."

A new book, *Planning Permission: The Essential Guide For Homeowners*, by Kenneth Dijksman, should help homeowners to present schemes which will not involve too many changes to minor details and avoid delays.

Mr Dijksman, a senior planner for Newbury and Thatcham council in Berkshire, suggests that the first step for a homeowner, once he or she has decided roughly what needs to be done, should be to take relevant photographs of the house, make some sketches, and arrange an appointment with a planning officer from the local council to discuss the proposals.

The more vexed and subjective question of the extent to which planners impose their taste on the design of buildings cannot be dealt with so easily. In 1969, *New Society* suggested a trial removal of certain planning controls altogether in some areas. A non-plan system has never been sufficiently tested.

Others suggest a return to a pre-war system, when building codes regulated new buildings, protecting homeowners from having a factory built next door and having some influence on the size of new buildings, but little else.

The next instalment in the continuing debate is a seminar at Riba, at a date to be decided, which will discuss the power that planners have to indulge their personal tastes.

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The bankers are anxious; but the shares are rising; circulation is falling; but the same is true of its rivals; the journalists are in revolt; but the paper had lost touch . . . two personal views of David Montgomery's regime

Mirror: a rescue or a wreck?

Somewhere — hiding in a sewer like Harry Lime or sheltering in a friendly attic in the manner of an allied airman in occupied France — is the man who first had the idea of making David Montgomery the chief executive of the Mirror Group. Nobody expects the culprit to come forward voluntarily.

Lord Hollick, who is generally held responsible, has only vague memories of how Mr Montgomery became associated with the consortium which he and Anthony Beevor formed to make a bid for the three tabloid newspapers. Mr Beevor — executive director of corporate finance at Hambro's Bank — recalls a firm of stockbrokers speaking highly of Mr Montgomery's talents but thinks it wrong to say who they were. The company in question, has no comment to make. Charles Wilson — sometime editor of *The Times*, who went to the Mirror Group to run *The Sporting Life* and became managing director of the group, is emphatic that he was not responsible.

Three months ago, Mr Montgomery was said to be the saviour and redeemer of Robert Maxwell' dubious legacy. He was recruited to bust restrictive practices, streamline the bloated organisation and make the Mirror Group profitable enough to lead an independent existence. Because of the manner and method by which he has pursued that objective, the banks (who still effectively own the three newspapers), have begun to worry about their investment.

The political affiliation of the group is only part of the problem. Certainly Mr. Montgomery — whose only previous relationship with the Labour party was unremitting antagonism — seemed not to understand that the occasional partisan headline was not enough to maintain the paper's reputation as part of the campaigning left. And the appointment of David Seymour as political supremo has only intensified the difficulties.

Whatever his motives, Mr Seymour wrote the general election's most vitriolic attack on the Labour leader and, we must presume consciously, aided the Conservative cause. Putting him in charge of politics for the whole group was probably a breach of Mr Montgomery's undertaking to leave editing to individual editors. It could only lead to trouble. But it seems that trouble is what Mr Montgomery wants.



He's back: how *The Sunday Times* sees Montgomery's revolutionary reign at the Mirror group

The saga of the sub-editors is typical. Shortly after Mr Montgomery's arrival, he announced that sub-editors would work a five, rather than the traditional four day, week. Seven journalists took the management to law and obtained an undertaking in court. Mr Montgomery responded by sacking some of the litigants. His offer of reemployment was delivered by motorcycle dispatch rider to at least one employee at three o'clock in the morning.

Among the casualties are the Father of the NUJ Chapel and his deputy who — as well as being elected as the journalists' representatives — happened to be the two senior features sub-editors. They were told to choose between union offices and their jobs. Both have left.

Morale has been sadly damaged by the Gradgrind theory of industrial relations. Key positions are being filled by Montgomery nominees — many of them from *Today*.

Worse still the *Mirror* is becoming ridiculous. David Banks, the editor of what was once a great crusading newspaper, will not speak to journalists who want to write about his activities. Once upon a time readers laughed with the *Mirror* at the follies of the world. Now the world is laughing at the *Mirror*.

Commentators, with a variety of vested interests, will continue to attribute the *Mirror* crisis to causes which suit their convenience. No doubt the *Guardian* will repeat its complaint that Labour longs for uncritical support — an allegation which does not withstand even a superficial examination of the "old" *Mirror's* attacks on the party's attitude to issues which range from taxation to Northern Ireland. The *Mail* will write the story as if it were a Fleet Street soap opera. But that is the *Mail's* style. The principal participant — David Montgomery — will claim that the critical motion signed by 170 Labour MPs was the result of trade union pressure.

The truth is far more simple. The Mirror Group is being run by a man who by temperament and belief is unsuited to the task. The intriguing question concerns more than the future of three newspapers. How long will the banks go on supporting a decision which, whatever its superficial attractions in the autumn, was clearly a mistake? After all, it is the financial community which continues to advise politicians not to invest in failure.

ROY HATTERSLEY

The shenanigans at the *Daily Mirror* must mystify the punters, unused as they are to journalists warning that their newspaper is in danger of becoming less biased than it used to be. Stranger yet, some *Mirror* hacks recoil in horror at their paper "moving to the right": if it is, that only reflects the drift of Labour itself. Most of the *Mirror* dissidents occupy an ideological hilltop long since surrendered by Labour.

In the late 1960s I was a subeditor at the broadsheet *Sun*, which was a brave (meaning doomed) attempt to re-invent the *Daily Herald*. The latter had been the official voice of the Labour party, therefore it was leaden. Not the least of the reasons the *Herald* died was that, like Labour more recently, it lost touch with its own constituency. That left the *Mirror* as the sole mass-circulation voice of the left. It succeeded by covering news and issues that interested ordinary people: it was a mirror.

The *Mirror* dissidents say that Robert Maxwell was bad but under David Montgomery things are even worse. Really? Most of the pensioners Maxwell swindled would surely differ. The fact is that tabloid newspapers survive on cover price. Either they sell enough to make a profit, or they go bust. Circulations are in long-term decline, so tabloids must cut costs to make profit. They must follow their readers: into the ex-council houses they own, outside which are parked two cars.

Recession is painful, but recessions pass. Most *Mirror* readers work. Most are far better off than were their *Mirror*-buying parents. The *Mirror* as slave to Labour has stood like a sandcastle at low water and has duly been washed over by four successive electoral tides. It was Labour's failed past that led the pack baying for blood in the Commons last week.

There may be valid arguments about Montgomery's management style, which is not helped by the fact that he appears to have undergone a charisma bypass. But to parade these as political principles is simply bogus. If *Mirror* journalists think that a newspaper can succeed by being Labour's house journal they should start one. They could use the title *Daily Herald*: nobody else does.

PETER BARNARD

A wealth of health

Three new magazines are aimed at improving our lives — and their profits

I knew I had to stop being a fashion editor when I found myself promoting the global significance of "sleeves". Over the previous two years I had featured everything from children's ankle socks to little black dresses — twice. Sleeves seemed to be almost all that was left — although I was secretly planning a stunning piece on bust darts.

So anyone who can do a whole page on eyebrows deserves my admiration. It's the obsessive tone of the prose that seduces me ("... there is nothing worse than patchy brows". Um, a hang nail on your stockings maybe? or piles? starvation?).

COVER STORY

Jane Reed



Shiny: Top Santé

You have to be fairly obsessive to launch and edit 100 pages a month on one subject. Although one subject is not what the new rash of health and beauty magazines think they are tackling. We are a woman's magazine with an emphasis on health, they all say.

So what are women's magazines made of? Sex, cellulite, hair, diet, fashion and angst. And this is more or less what the new monthly titles *Good Health*, *Top Santé Health & Beauty* (both £1.30), and *Health and Lifestyle* (£1.60) are promising.

Good Health is new from Redwood Publishing, a BBC Enterprises company. In design style it is similar to their successful food and fashion titles; clear and concise type faces taking you by the hand around each page. The first issue was apparently a sell-out at 160,000.

All three magazines are addicted to facts — the kind of multilayered, good magazine journalism that gives value for money. *Good Health* tells us that there have been more than 200 studies into quitting smoking and that smokers raise their hands to their mouths 73,000 times a year. Where they fall down is on the gee-whizz headlines. Everyone knows you are unlikely to "Beat stress in a week", but by doing some perfectly sensible things suggested in the piece, like eating lots of vegetables and drinking camomile tea, you might feel a bit better over several weeks.

You might expect BBC's *Good Health* to be full of cross references to TV shows but it isn't. *Top Santé* is, though. There is a centre pull-out section on upcoming shows, each one giving an excuse to address a relevant subject: Mariella Fostrup is experiencing erotic dreams as a result of her nicotine patches; the growing-old-disgracefully "Brighton Belles" lead us into a fact-packed piece about ageing — a doctor believes that natural human death will be eliminated by the year 2110.

There is what aficionados of the women's press call a "Hey, Doreen" factor about these pieces. "Hey, Doreen — you seen this bit about living for ever?" But *Top Santé*, the British version (launched by Presse Publishing) of a successful French magazine, is shiny, visually satisfying and out tomorrow.

I have seen the cover and a few pages from the new *What Diet & Lifestyle* magazine. Re-titled *Health and Lifestyle*, its drastic surgery recognises that slimming diets are no longer the pull they once were and that what we want most is good health, good looks and a decent lifestyle. Again packed with facts — like the number of people who share a deodorant has halved since 1987 — *Health and Lifestyle* will be out at the end of March.

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They still got rhythm

Billed as a 'new' Gershwin musical, the Broadway hit *Crazy for You* opens here next week. **Richard Morrison** reports



DENZIL MONEBLANCE

Gershwin crazy: co-producer Elizabeth Williams outside the Prince Edward Theatre (above); and (below) Ira and George at work, as seen by the cartoonist Hirschfeld

Picture that glittering night in New York 62 years ago. Wall Street might have crashed, but Broadway was still paved with gold. Or so it must have seemed during the first performance of *Girl Crazy*, the latest musical from the infallible brothers Gershwin.

The story was the usual flimsy frippery. New York playboy eludes creditors and jilted girlfriends by escaping to Arizona ranch, only to transform it into a nightclub with hordes of prancing beauties. But who cared about plot? What mattered was the string of vintage showstoppers from George and Ira: "Embraceable You", "I Got Rhythm", "But Not For Me", "I'm Biding My Time".

The pit band comprised the hottest instrumentalists in town — among them, two ambitious twentysomethings called Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller. And on stage, a star was born. Plucked from obscurity in provincial vaudeville, Ethel Merman mesmerised the audience with a voice that was as all-American as a Sousa march, and twice as brassy. Merman even overshadowed the female romantic lead: another promising newcomer called Ginger Rogers. Nobody was surprised when *Girl Crazy* notched up 272 performances, least of all Gershwin, whose self-esteem was as unshakable as his musical genius.

Wouldn't it be wonderful, Gershwin fans always sigh, for such a show to be recreated exactly, and for those superb songs — mangled by ten thousand crooners in the 62 years since their genesis — to be heard again in their original context? Well, the prayers of the Gershwin fans are about to be answered, or perhaps half-answered. For as its title suggests, *Crazy For You*, which opens in the West End next week, is not exactly *Girl Crazy*.

It is billed cutely as a "new Gershwin musical comedy". But just five of its 19 songs are from *Girl Crazy*, and the original, preposterous plot has been thoroughly overhauled by the dramatist Ken Ludwig. Nevertheless, *Crazy For You* has emulated its predecessor in terms of Broadway success: its backers have already seen their $7.5 million investment recouped, and a further £3 million has been spent bringing the show to the newly refurbished Prince Edward Theatre in London.

In fact, Ludwig's new plot is hardly less daft, and certainly no less escapist, than the original. The stage-struck scion of a rich banking family is sent to foreclose a theatre in a run-down Nevada mining town. He pretends to be a Ziegfeld-like impresario, which leads into one of those "let's put on a show, kids, and save the day" finales that so entranced the fans of Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland.

Why, then, did *Crazy For You*'s creators not simply revive the original *Girl Crazy*? A question for Elizabeth Williams, the American co-producer.

"It was a show that did not work that well then, and certainly would not now," she replies firmly. "We now expect a 'book musical', in which songs advance the plot and express character and emotion. In the 1930s this was not the case: 'Embraceable You' and 'I Got Rhythm' had very little to do with the show. They were really set-pieces, often written for specific performers."

There is truth in this. Gershwin, Cole Porter and Jerome Kern represented the generation which, Moses-like, glimpsed the promised land of the integrated, dramatically-credible musical, but were destined never to reach it. Each had his one big shot at "grand" musical theatre (*Porgy and Bess*, *Kiss Me Kate* and *Show Boat* respectively), but it was left to Rodgers and Hammerstein in the late 1940s to define the "book musical" consistently.

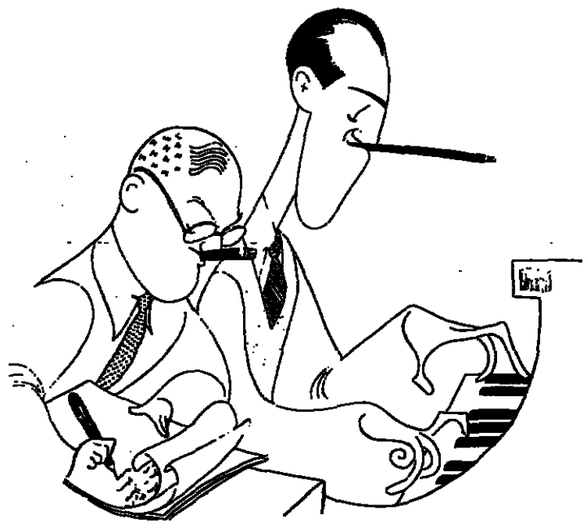
Having decided to resuscitate *Girl Crazy*, Williams made some shrewd moves. First she got the notoriously prickly Gershwin heirs on her side. "I needed their permission not just to rehaul the book, but to use other Gershwin songs. It would be extremely difficult to be limited to the original ones. I didn't have much hope that this would happen, but the Gershwins gave me their blessing, provided there were no changes to Ira's lyrics."

Then she contacted Ludwig to write the new book (on the strength of his period comedy *Lend Me A Tenor*) and Mike Ockrent to direct the show (after his highly successful exercise in nostalgia, the West End revival of *Me And My Girl*). What of the 14 songs that are not from *Girl Crazy*? Some are straightforward burglaries: classics like "Someone To Watch Over Me" lifted straight from other Gershwin shows. But others are true discoveries, part of a haul that came to light in New Jersey a few years ago.

"Many were either used in shows, or rejected from them, and then lost — because shows were not recorded then. For example, we use 'What Causes That?', which was from *Treasure Girl*, a show done here in 1937 with Gertrude Lawrence; and I believe that our unpublished song, 'Tonight's The Night', was also in that show."

Williams enlisted the help of a Gershwin archivist, Tommy Krasker, to dig out suitable material. "Mike Ockrent and Ken Ludwig would get to a point where they needed a song. They would describe the mood and scene to Tommy, who would do his archival work and then sit at the piano and play suggestions."

Gosh, it sounds just like one of those "let's put on a show, kids" musicals. But let nobody underestimate the serious intent or intellectual capabilities of those putting on this particular show. Ockrent has a physics degree; Ludwig is a Washington lawyer; and associate producer Richard Godwin, a former US under-secretary of defence, lists among his credits "participating in the development of the US thermonuclear weapon". That must have been a first for Broadway.



As for Williams, she holds a doctorate in archaeology, and would now probably still be teaching at the University of California if she had not been invited to advise an oil company on which arts projects to invest in. She recommended taking a stake in an unlikely French musical called *Les Misérables*. One thing led to another after that remarkable hunch, and she is now one of the most sought-after producers on Broadway.

So how does she respond to the kind of mixed reviews which *Crazy For You* received in New York, despite its box-office success? Frank Rich, in *The New York Times*, waxed ecstatic about it, though some found it difficult to tell whether he liked the show because it was brilliant or simply because it was not British. "When future historians try to find the exact moment at which Broadway finally rose up to grab the musical back from the British, they just may conclude that the revolution began last night," he wrote, presumably on a desk draped with a star-spangled banner.

But it was precisely this point — that Broadway was resisting the conquering wave of new British musicals only by clutching at 60-year-old songs and lyrics — which other critics seized upon as the weakest aspect of *Crazy For You*. In *Time* magazine, for instance, William Henry berated its "shameless retrospection, its bland assertion that Broadway's future lies in its past".

Williams, not surprisingly, does not see it like that at all. "I'd agree that a new production of *Guys And Dolls*, with the same book, lyrics and music, is nothing but a straight revival. But here, although composer and lyricist are dead, everybody else is young, very smart, and alive. This show is almost a homage to the 1930s, yet it could only be done this way now. It is an entertainment that will lift people, and I hope people in Britain will recognise it as being in the archetypal American musical mould: a huge dance show."

Well, the social and economic landscapes certainly look more and more like the early 1930s. So there *is* probably no reason why a "new musical" with 19 Gershwin songs cannot be wildly successful, either.

● *Crazy for You is in preview at the Prince Edward Theatre (071-734 8951), opening next Wednesday*

Street scene makes vivid drama

A pioneering community theatre group aims to help homeless people express their frustrations

MARTIN BEDDALL



Cardboard Citizens: conveying the reality of homelessness

London's theatregoers need little introduction to homelessness. It is almost impossible to leave a West End play and remain unaware of the figures huddled along the Strand.

But few theatregoers will perceive the drama hidden inside a cardboard box or sleeping bag. Many homeless people have a story to tell as theatrical as the tragedies enacted every night in theatres across the West End: street theatre, quite literally.

Thanks to a pioneering community theatre company, homeless people now have a chance to use theatre to help make sense of their lives, and to inform the public of their dramas. They are not extras but protagonists. Cardboard Citizens took their first curtain-call this month at the Albany Empire in Deptford, south London.

The performance was the culmination of two years' work by the community theatre group London Bubble, which works with the deaf as well as the homeless. The company specialises in "forum theatre", a medium invented by the Brazilian theatre director Augusto Boal in which the audience can influence the course of the play's action. The plays are run twice. During the second run, people in the audience are encouraged to shout "stop" whenever they want to intervene in the action.

A nucleus of eight full-time members emerged from the dozens who took part in the forum-theatre workshops which the London Bubble ran in London hostels. Though Cardboard Citizens still work within the parent company of London Bubble, their intention is to become an independent company run by and working for homeless people.

In reality, none of the group's members is still forced to sleep rough. Since they have become involved with London Bubble, most have been housed in council property, but at least one member returns to a hostel after his performance. They are paid Equity rates by London Bubble.

Their plays draw on their experience of homelessness. It is the stuff of nightmares: drug addiction, isolation, loneliness, prostitution, mental instability, unemployment and alcoholism.

But the show I witnessed mixed horror with humour. It was full of imaginative strokes and jokes to lighten the dourness. The effect was to convey the reality of homelessness more vividly than any number of statistics.

It told the story of Steve, a 16-year-old living in a large northern city. His father was in prison; his mother took up with his father's best friend. Steve felt excluded by the arrival in the house of a new man and his son. Rows ensued, then violence.

He left. In London a fellow homeless youth introduced him to drugs and the Piccadilly Advice Centre where middle-class charity was mercilessly ripped off. The hallucination scene was spine-chilling. Prison followed. Then more drugs. The last scene saw Steve asking: "Spare any change?"

The play was then run a second time, but this time members of the audience shouted stop when they felt Steve might have handled his fate differently. They acted out an alternative course, supervised by a "facilitator". Their performance continued until it was clear whether the new strategy was working.

This was the first performance in front of a non-homeless audience, and a one-off. Cardboard Citizens intends to continue performing in hostels of the homeless, because that is where it feels its mission can be best fulfilled, though occasional performances will be given to regular audiences to increase awareness.

Jon Fitzmaurice, the director of the housing charity Char, has witnessed Cardboard Citizens at work. He is convinced that "the work identifies and tackles real-life problems. It enables people to become personally involved in the solutions and develops priceless communication skills."

Gary Gallard, a member of Cardboard Citizens, echoed Fitzmaurice. "Most people who are homeless don't want to admit their problems or how frustrated they are. Theatre allows them to express those frustrations."

One of the most frustrating things about being homeless is not having any rights, Gallard continued. "You've got all day to think about life, death and the universe, but no opportunity to express yourself. The best thing about our performances is that it gives the people who've been there a chance to intervene in their own situations, to suggest solutions. They're not just faces in a box or sleeping bag."

RACHEL KELLY

● *Cardboard Citizens is currently rehearsing a new play which will go on tour in March. For further details, contact the Bubble Theatre company on 071-237 4434*

THE Prince of Wales has asked the Royal Shakespeare Company to organise two special summer schools aimed at enhancing the Bard's reputation in the classroom. To be called the Prince of Wales Shakespeare School, it will consist of two 12-day courses for teachers of English and drama in secondary schools. It sounds as if the teachers will be required to do some serious homework themselves: each course will focus on one play and will be "studied through textual analysis, in performance and as a set text". Directors, designers and actors will do the teaching at The Other Place theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Adrian Noble, artistic director of the RSC, said that the course was an "acknowledgement of the fact that the process of teaching Shakespeare shares a great deal with the process of rehearsing a Shakespeare play". The courses were devised by Wendy Greenhill, the RSC's head of education, in consultation with Prince Charles. No doubt the school motto will come from his Shakespeare Birthday Lecture given in April 1991. "Shakespeare's message is the universal, timeless one, yet clad in the garments of our time. He is not our poet, but the world's," he said on that occasion.

● SEVENTIES nostalgia is rampant — even, it seems, in London's art-house cinemas. The Minema Cinema in Knightsbridge is mounting a season of Seventies movies, to mark the 21st birthday of the Berkeley Hotel, in which the cinema is ensconced. The month-long season includes the sentimental *Love Story*, the sumptuous *Death in Venice* and *Don Giovanni*, and the existentially lubricious *Last Tango in Paris*, as well as *Apocalypse Now* and *Padre Padrone*. It kicks off on Friday with *Cabaret* and *Performance*.

Elderly butterfly

THE Royal Opera will soon announce its plans for next season, and one surprise may be the production to open in September. It will be *Madam Butterfly* — but probably not the 1988 production by the Spanish director Nuria Espert, but the 1950 version which was originally directed by Robert Helpmann and originally sung by Victoria de los Angeles. The sets — brilliant blue and blossom trees by Sophie Fedorovitch — are fondly remembered, but the revival of such an elderly production must reflect a lack of confidence in the newer production.

● OPENED on a Sunday for the first time last weekend, the Victoria and Albert Museum celebrated its new day of public access (10am to 5.50pm) with live jazz brunches. Sunday opening will not cost the museum a great deal extra, because staff are on the premises seven days a week — guarding the galleries and maintaining the museum. And it is hoped that the voluntary donations given on Sundays will cover the extra costs. This Sunday visitors can take in the jazz band Jerry Sunfluk and his Capital Swing.



Robert Helpmann in 1941: see Elderly Butterfly

ARTS BRIEFING

Prince backs the Bard

Head hunted

THE purchase of a bust of a former Labour leader of Glasgow City Council, Pat Lally, by the director of Glasgow Art Galleries, Julian Spalding, has ruffled feathers, both political and artistic, in Glasgow. The sculpture was made by the neo-Classicist Alexander Stoddart, who was apparently inspired to pay this artistic compliment to Lally by the council leader's decisive anti-Modernist stance: he insisted upon the removal of a series of murals commissioned from artist Ian McCulloch for the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

In the 11ft-high work the subject sports the Phrygian cap of the "ordinary man". Thanks to Spalding, the sculptor is now better off to the tune of £10,000. But Glasgow's current Labour regime, whose allegiance to Lally is somewhat fragile, has reprimanded the director of their art galleries for shelling out public money in this direction, and it is now unlikely that the public will be given the chance to admire the bust.

Last chance . . .

DAVID POUNTNEY's squalidly realistic *Carmen*, which moves the action of Bizet's Spanish drama to a scrapyard in Latin America, may not have been universally admired on its first outing in 1988, but nobody could deny that it was striking. Seven years on, in its first revival at ENO (Coliseum, 071-836 3161, ends Friday), the staging still has the power to startle, and the performances — Sally Burgess's vibrant Carmen, Edmund Barham's grimly inarticulate José, Donald Maxwell's swaggering Escamillo — convince even where some of Pountney's ideas do not.

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Heather Alston

St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ON THE PISTE: The comical hazards of rushing about on the snow, as seen by John Godber. The stage includes a 30-foot ski slope.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Opens tonight, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

SNOW ORCHID: Paolo Dionisotti in London Gay Theatre's British premiere of Joseph Pintauro's 1979 (pre-Aids) drama of a New York family finding a whole lot to worry about.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Previews tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, opens Fri, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST: Oscar Wilde's classic comedy billed in 1895 as "a trivial comedy for serious people" has Maggie Smith as Lady Bracknell, Alex Jennings as John Worthing and Richard E. Grant as Algernon Moncrieff
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Previews Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

VIOLENT PEACE: The third play in Lavonne Mueller's war trilogy exploring the relationship between love and war, sexual politics and military authority. Irina Brook plays a general's daughter and Michael J. Shannon plays the adjutant assigned to look after her.
The DOC Theatre Club, 64 Lawford Road, NW5. (071-485 4303) Opens tonight, 7pm, then Tues-Sun, 8pm.

FAIRPORT CONVENTION: The only London concert this year of the English folk-rock group with a repertoire of old classic songs and fresh new influences.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1, (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Simon Rattle and the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** continue their progress towards the millennium with an imaginative, wide-ranging 1920s programme that combines Szymanowski (*Litany to the Virgin Mary* and *Stabat Mater*) with Bartók (*The Miraculous Mandarin*) and Sibelius (Symphony No 7). With Elzbieta Szmytka, Florence Quivar and John Connell.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street, (021-212 3333). Tonight, 7.30pm.

PORTSMOUTH: The new band **Suede** are on tour and about to release their debut album.
Pyramid Centre (0705 877895), tonight, 7.30pm. **Exeter**, Lemon Grove (0392 263540), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

MIDDLESBOROUGH: The dance music trio, **808 STATE**, take to the road to promote Gorgeous, their new album.
Arena, (0642 251854) Tonight, 8pm. **University**, Sheffield, (0742 753300). Tomorrow, 7.30pm. **Barrowlands**, Glasgow, (041-552 4601). Fri, 7.30pm.

MANCHESTER: Opera North presents a double bill of the opera, *Yolanda*, and Tchaikovsky's ballet, *Nutcracker*, by the contemporary choreographer Matthew Bourne and featuring the dancers of his Adventures in Motion Pictures company. *Yolanda* was the *Nutcracker*'s original partner at the St Petersburg premiere on December 18, 1892. With *Billy Budd* and *Don Carlos*
Opera House, Quay Street, (061-236 9922). *Yolanda* and *Nutcracker*, tonight. *Fri*, 7.15pm. *Billy Budd*, tomorrow, 7.15pm *Don Carlos*, Sat, 7.15pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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☐ **ARTISTS AND ADMIRERS:** Ostrovsky's sharp, affectionate picture of a theatrical anthill in Russia circa 1880. Lovely performances by, among others, Sylvestra le Touzel and Philip Voss.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, *mat tomorrow*, 2pm 150mins

■ **CAROUSEL.** Joanne Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm 180mins

◪ **LE CIRQUE INVISIBLE:** Victoria Chaplin and Jean Baptiste Thierrée return with their troupe of acrobats, clowns and other performers in an exotic, engaging new family show
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. 120mins

☐ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins

☐ **ENNIO MARCHETTO:** The master of quick-change origami cabaret, with impressions from Mona Lisa to Madonna and everyone in between
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 9pm, mat Thurs, 4pm 120mins

☐ **ENTERTAINING MR SLOANE** Brisk, pointed revival of Orton's first success, with Janet Dale and Ian Gelder as a sublimely amoral brother-and-sister team
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins

☐ **HAY FEVER:** Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

☐ **LA MUSICA:** Very intense dissection of past love by Marguerite Duras. Harriet Walter's charged performance provides interest.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 90mins. Final week.

☐ **NO MAN'S LAND:** Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 6pm. 130mins.

◪ **THE PRISONERS OF WAR:** Lively production of J.R. Ackerley's coded but clear drama about British officers tormented by love for one another. Astonishingly licensed by the Lord Chamberlain in 1925.
New End, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tues-Sun, 8pm, mat Sun, 4pm. 115mins. Final week.

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** William Gaunt, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

☐ **THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA:** David Thacker's winning revival, Thirties style, both comic and romantic, delightfully acted — not least by a reproachful mutt.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 150mins

LONG RUNNERS ◪ **Blood Brothers.** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ◪ **Cats.** New London (071-405 0072) . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) . . ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . ◪ **It Runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) . . ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) . . ◪ **Les Miserables:** Palace (071-434 0909) . . ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . ◪ **Starlight Express.** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . ■ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

BAD LIEUTENANT (18). Forceful, uncomfortable study of a depraved New York cop hooked on drugs and alcohol from director Abel Ferrara. Astonishing performance by Harvey Keitel.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

◆ **HELLRAISER III: HELL ON EARTH** (18): Clive Barker's Pinhead monster returns for more bizarre carnage
Director, Anthony Hickox.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE LAST DAYS OF CHEZ NOUS (15) An eccentric Sydney household unravels over one hot summer. Uneven feminist drama from director Gillian Armstrong. With Lisa Harrow, Kerry Fox, Bruno Ganz.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Metro** (071-437 0757)

MEAN STREETS (18). Scorsese's breakthrough film of 1973 still roars with life Harvey Keitel and Robert De Niro play hoods and wastrels from New York's Little Italy.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

◆ **A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT** (PG): Robert Redford's hymn to family, nature and fly fishing. Beautifully mounted, but lacking punch. With Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt, Tom Skerritt
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

CURRENT

◆ **BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA** (18): Gary Oldman as the Transylvanian legend, preying on Victorian London. Visually audacious, but cold to the touch. Francis Coppola directs. With Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 8705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **DAMAGE** (18): MP Jeremy Irons pursues destructive affair with his own son's fiancée (Juliette Binoche).
Riveting version of Josephine Hart's novel, coolly directed by Louis Malle
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

◆ **A FEW GOOD MEN** (15). Cocky naval lawyer (Tom Cruise) defends marines accused of murder. Devilishly seductive courtroom drama starring Demi Moore, Jack Nicholson, director, Rob Reiner.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **HONEY, I BLEW UP THE KID** (U): Amiable, inoffensive I Shrunk the Kids sequel, with Rick Moranis as the accident-prone dad with a 100-feet-tall curly-haired tot who heads for Las Vegas. Director, Randal Kleiser.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

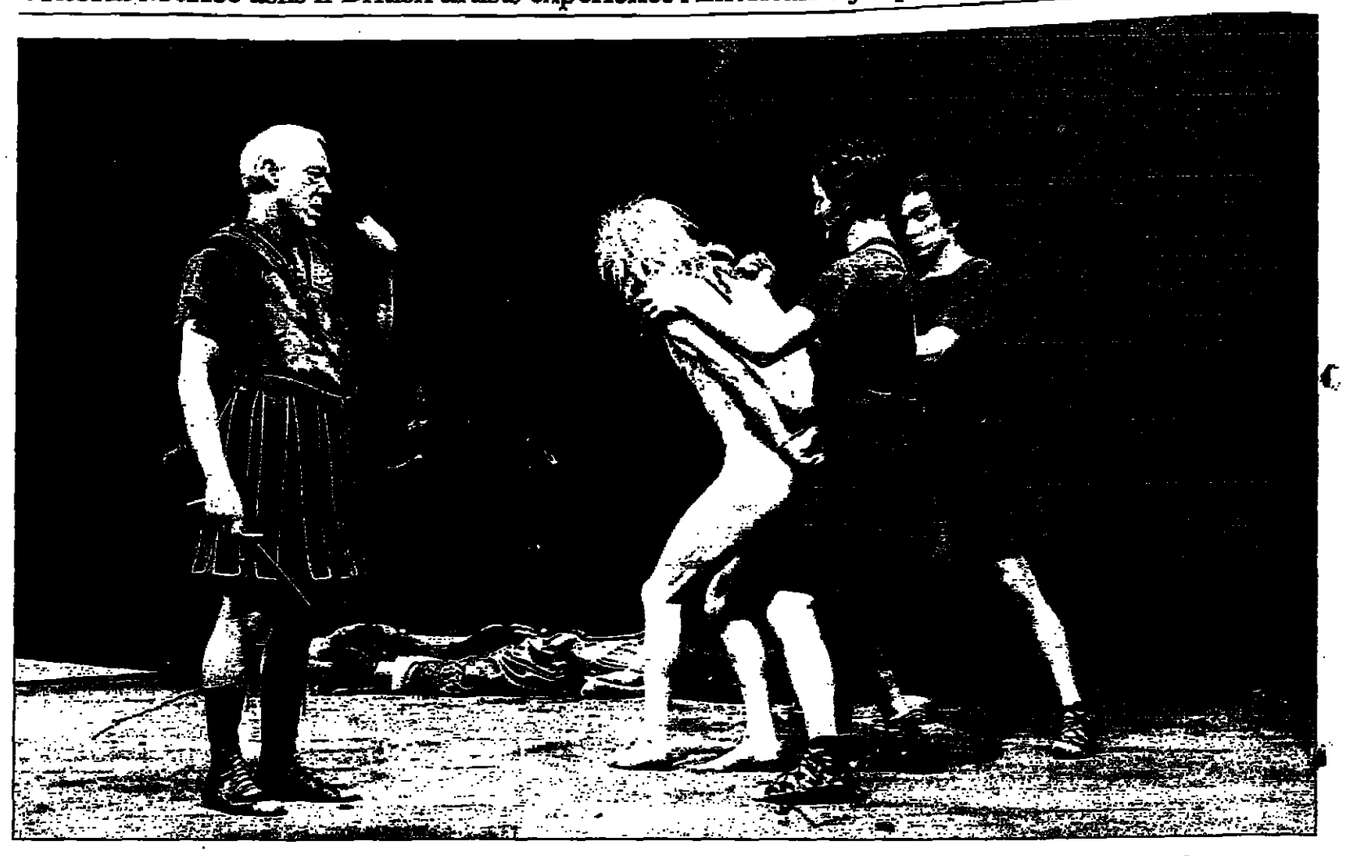
THE LIVING END (18): HIV-positive road movie from American independent Gregg Araki. Insolent and powerful. With Mike Dytri and Craig Gilmore.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) **Everyman** (071-435 1525).

OLIVIER OLIVIER (15): Teenager missing for six years returns home; but is it really him? Fascinating story, but prosaic treatment by director Agnieszka Holland.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470).

SHADOWS AND FOG (15). Woody Allen's technically dazzling but indulgent homage to German Expressionist cinema. With Mia Farrow, John Malkovich, and, very briefly, Madonna.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic
Stars Charlotte Véry.
Minema (071-235 4225) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

Victoria McKee asks if British artists experience American-style pressure from moral crusaders



The National Theatre's 1980 production of Brenton's play The Romans in Britain: taken to court by Mary Whitehouse, but the show went on

Good sense, or censorship?

The enforced resignation of the crusading John Frohnmayer as chairman of America's National Endowment for the Arts a year ago, coupled with the earlier uproar over a show of sexually explicit photographs by the late Robert Mapplethorpe, raised awkward questions in America about arts censorship in a "free" society. Now Bill Clinton is ensconced in the White House, artists and arts organisations in America are breathing a collective sigh of relief.

But what about here in Britain? Could the hysteria which until recently engulfed the arts community in America be repeated here?

In Britain the major "arts wars" in recent years have been over questions of elitism and accessibility: the street theatre mob vs the opera nobs, popular culture vs the avant-garde. Anthony Everitt, secretary general of the Arts Council, believes there are historical reasons for this, going back to the days of the second world war when the predecessor to the Arts Council, CEMA — the Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts — was formed.

CEMA had a broad approach to culture, as much interested in participation and amateur work as in professional. But then the first chairman of the Arts Council, John Maynard Keynes, thought CEMA's work was social welfare-ism at its worst. So the questions of elitism and access go back to the difference in philosophy between CEMA's commitment to what was called "spread" and the Arts Council's commitment to raising standards.

Everitt believes that "in Britain you're more likely to get in trouble with the avant-garde, like the Tate bricks, than with sexuality." He recalls when, as director of the Midland Group Arts Centre in Nottingham in 1979, he was able to mount a Mapplethorpe exhibition without protest "with some naughty pictures which we cordoned off as far as kids were concerned".

> 'Here, art may be censored for being politically incorrect'

And he cites Howard Brenton's play, *The Romans in Britain* — against which Mary Whitehouse brought an unsuccessful private prosecution under the Sexual Offences Act in 1980 — as another example of a sexually challenging work that weathered criticism, although the Greater London Council did threaten to withdraw its grant to the National Theatre. More recently, notes Everitt, the National was able to mount *Angels in America*, subtitled "a gay fantasia on national themes", which enjoyed considerable success.

"The Arts Council has only two rules," Everitt says. "We don't fund anything where the artist will break the law, or where the artist is at the service of a political party or a single issue campaign. We've funded Gay Sweatshop for years, but if they did a play that was part of a political campaign to change the law, we would not fund it."

At the local level, however (and local authorities give more money to the arts than the Arts Council, some £300 million compared with £221 million), the issues which dogged John Frohnmayer are more likely to surface.

Clause 28 of the Local Government Act of 1988, for example, to which the Arts Council vigorously objected, prohibits local government funding for art deemed likely to promote homosexuality. But there is equally likely to be censorship of the "politically correct" variety.

According to Elizabeth Macgregor, director of the Ikon Gallery in Birmingham, "there's a lot of censorship going on which is not being investigated. We took a show called 'Ecstatic Antibodies', which was work by artists about Aids, because after it was initiated at the Impressions Gallery in York people took fright and took it to their committees which banned it. I can't tell you how innocuous it was: a homage to the male body with a couple of videos of someone dying of HIV and a funny skit about lesbians and HIV. It was a campaigning exhibition about accepting people with Aids."

She feels that "we are going to have to be more vigilant in the future because censorship is becoming more insidious — not so much direct but because funding is so unsure, and people are increasingly worried about offending their sponsors."

Macgregor claims she would have put this show on "even if our council had banned it", thus risking the £80,000 the Ikon gets from the local authority to top up its £240,000 Arts Council grant, and says that she "was hoping we would get prosecuted, for a test case". Yet she confesses to being guilty of censorship herself.

"We wouldn't put on images that were offensive in a racial or a sexual sense," she says. "I had a very good example recently where an artist was using a stereotypical image of a black man. His argument was that he was trying to shake up racist fears — mine was that it was bringing up stereotypes, so I didn't consider it valid art."

Anthony Sargeant, head of arts for Birmingham (the largest local authority, with £30 million allocated for the arts), also admits to censoring art funding in line with "politically correct" views on racism and sexism. "We will not have anything introduced into society that is deliberately inflammatory or divisive," he says.

Nevertheless, the council will be reviving David Edgar's disturbingly provocative play *Destiny* about relations between the National Front and the Asian community. The revival is being staged in the context of a spring festival celebrating multi-culturalism and racial harmony in the city.

RADIO REVIEW

Odd couple in Antarctica

WHO says that *Radio Times* is against culture? Radio 3 drama made it on to the front cover last week! But Radio 3 really had got a coup — Walter Matthau acting in **The Hole in the Top of the World**, the new Sunday Play by Fay Weldon.

It was lucky that they had got him, because he saved the play. It was about an elderly American scientist, Matt, living in a concrete igloo in Antarctica with Nina, a young female assistant. Matt was supposed to be monitoring the hole in the ozone layer, but being a homely philosopher, he was more preoccupied with the idea that all human ideals and values had been sucked up and vanished through the hole. To make matters still more complicated, what we were hearing was Matt putting on a radio play about his experiences, so he could play sound-effect tricks on us — and he did so, interminably.

Yet behind this bizarre façade, there was nothing more than a simple play about the differences between the sexes and the generations. Matt was an unselfaware male chauvinist pig, absolutely normal: his ex-wife Simone, who pursued him to the igloo with her toyboy, had all the standard modern complaints against her husband, and could only deal with them by getting shrill and angry; Nina and the toyboy shocked the older couple by having no culture or morals at all. They were hardly personalities — they sounded like tabloid newspaper columnists, all defined solely by their familiar, half-baked ideas.

But Matthau made up for it all. That growling, lugubrious voice, like Louis Armstrong and W.C. Fields and Mr Magoo all in one, is so rich and relaxed, it seems to hint at the comedy and pleasure in everything, even when it is denouncing wives or announcing the end of the world. I say Matthau saved the play, but he wrecked it really, because the old chauvinist pig won all the arguments the moment he opened his mouth. Not quite Fay Weldon's intention, surely?

There was a larger cast of unsatisfactory types in **Goodbye to All That** (Radio 4, Sunday) — the would-be artists and writers who had flocked into Deya on Mallorca in the wake of Robert Graves, and were now all complaining that it had become a Skegness del Sol with squid-and-chips sold on the beach. The sneering tone of the presenter, Simon Parkes, was not agreeable, but seemed justified.

More impressive communities were scrutinised later that evening, also on Radio 4, in a documentary called **In Search of Utopia**. These were some religious communities, mainly American and German in origin, that are currently thriving in England. They are very cut off: one woman said, "We get two newspapers, the *Financial Times* and the *Daily Herald*, I think." "Admittedly we don't live in the real world," said a man, "but we live in the real real world." The programme scrupulously eschewed criticism, but it drew out sensitively the stresses placed on the children, who have to go out into the unreal real world to school.

The amusing new quiz, **The Board Game** (Radio 4, Tuesday), showed that you can find almost equally startling ignorance of what is going on out there at the very heart of British business. Four young City pundits, when asked the shop prices of bread, milk and baked beans, got them all totally wrong. But that is insulation of another kind — the rich kind.

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ENTERTAINMENTS

CINEMAS

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CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St. 071 465 8865 (Gerard Depardieu in 'TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE' (12) Progs at 1.10 (not Sun) 3.30, 6.00 & 8.25

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Infinite variety unstaled by customers

If the prolific team of Dixon and Jones has no architectural trademark, it is because each design is different, says Marcus Binney

After a decade of waiting for the proposed Royal Opera House extension to become a reality, Jeremy Dixon's career is set to soar again. Four substantial projects are now nearing completion, and more are on the drawing board.

In 1983, Dixon's design for remodelling the Opera House, in Covent Garden, beat 120 other entries in an open competition. But the sheer number of offices required to finance the improvements brought him into conflict with the likes of the local community association, which had fought long and hard to preserve the character of the area from large-scale redevelopment.

Although overall planning permission was granted in 1990, the plan is now to proceed in small stages, beginning with premises at the corner of James Street and the square for the Royal Ballet. "We are proceeding in self-contained stages that have a purpose in their own right," Dixon says. "This is the best way of constantly invigorating a very long-term project."

What makes him and Edward Jones, his partner, different from other major names in modern British architecture is that they do not have an overtly recognisable style. Each building they design is a response to context, client and location. At Aberdeen, where the polytechnic has just become a university, they have designed new student housing (to be completed this autumn) on a ridge above the River Dee. "We wanted to disturb the mature planting as little as possible, yet take advantage of the fine views," Dixon says. "So we looked at the fortified tower houses in Grampian and proposed a series of small towers, the first circular, the second square."

Here is an architecture of pure form, without mouldings, and relying on the proportion of windows and the rough-textured pink surface. By contrast to the insistent "statements of our time" familiar at universities in the 1970s and 1980s, these are buildings with an ageless quality, designed to blend into the landscape at once.

Dixon and Jones won a competition in 1989 for a new study centre at Darwin College, in Cambridge. This was a hypersensitive site on the Backs by the millpond where the punts collect; any new building on such a famous and beautiful site was likely to be controversial. Initially rebuffed by the local authority, they won on appeal.

In deference to its position on the water, the building — which will be finished by Christmas — is constructed entirely of wood. "It's like a continuous piece of furniture, all made of oak: floors, bookshelves, rafters, windows," Dixon says. "It is designed with balconies, external stairs, all the places where you might want to sit and read a book."

By contrast, the partnership's new store for Sainsbury, outside Plymouth, is designed to assert itself in the landscape. The site is highly visible from both the A38 and trains as they approach Plymouth. "The challenge was to make a basically low building register at a distance and hold its own as people sped past," Dixon says. The leitmotif is a series of overlapping white sails — a natural symbol for a port.

They took their first design to the brilliant Irish engineer Peter Rice at Arups, who came up with an ingenious construction of Teflon stretched and stitched over an undulating steel and timber skeleton. "Teflon structures tend to end up as bell or tent-shapes because of the strings that pull them away from the mast. We wanted to avoid guy wires and achieve a waving effect, first concave then convex," Dixon says.

Rice tragically died before he could refine his idea, and for a while the project looked in doubt. But Dixon and Jones found Martin Manning, another engineer at Arups, who simplified the structure. At night the white "sails", illuminated from below, will be even more eye-catching when they are completed in the summer of 1994.

The huge sails will also have a practical function, deflecting the harsh west winds from the car park.

Dixon is intrigued by the idea of using parked cars to make satisfying formal patterns. "Cars are obedient things," he says. "I once became fascinated by the way cars crawled into lines on a hill above Wimbledon during the tennis tournament."

Their £5 million sculpture gallery in Leeds, funded by the Henry Moore Foundation, opens on April 22. Here they have adapted and extended three 19th-century wool merchants' offices near the town hall. A new entrance front has been formed by cladding a crudely exposed party wall with flamed and polished granite — a piece of abstract sculpture in itself.

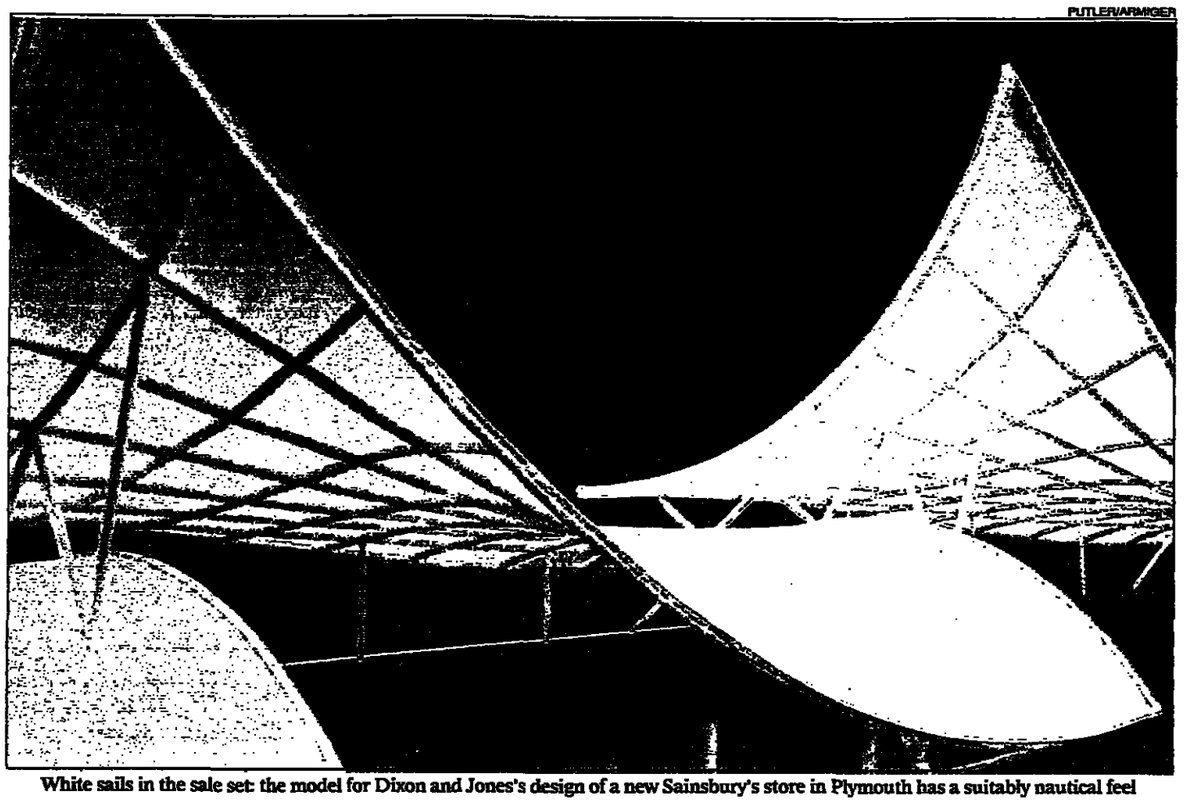
For Dixon the gallery raised fundamental questions of the nature of exhibition space. "The usual brief is that the building mustn't interfere with the works of art inside," he says. "This means simple space, where lighting is all. But we found that artists have very different opinions. Some like neutral space, but others prefer reacting to the nature of a place."

Open, anonymous competitions have always been a mainstay of the partners' work. Their first great success came in 1972 when, with Dixon's wife Fenella, they won the commission for new county offices in Northamptonshire. Their design was a startling ten-storey pyramid, but it fell foul of local politics and government spending curbs. The pyramid was a reference to the hierarchy of local government, with the council chamber at the top.

In sober England it was taken by some as a parody. But Dixon still takes pleasure in explaining the intricacies. "In ancient Egypt holes were drilled in pyramids to cast a shaft of light on a particular day. We designed one to land on the county treasurer's desk on the first day of the financial year."

Ten years later Jones won a competition (against 245 submissions) for a new city hall at Mississauga, Ontario. This is a powerfully composed cluster of big geometric shapes that grew out of sketches of pure form done by the Italian architect Aldo Rossi. It took Jones to Canada for several years and, on his return, he and Dixon entered another open competition for a new bus station in Venice, this time beating 265 other entrants with a supremely elegant circular design.

What makes a competition appealing to enter? Dixon's answer is unhesitating. "The jury. If it is one browbeaten architect and a load of councillors, forget it." At Venice there was a line-up of the world's leading architects: Raphael Moneo from Spain, James Stirling from Britain, I.M. Pei from America and Arata Isozaki from Japan. After the minefield of Covent Garden, the judgment of their peers was the best endorsement they could wish for.


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White sails in the sale set: the model for Dixon and Jones's design of a new Sainsbury's store in Plymouth has a suitably nautical feel

OPERA REVIEWS

A model lesson in direction

When in doubt, look for the subtitle: *Così fan tutte, or The School For Lovers*. Director Clare Venables — who is seldom stuck for an idea, but just might have been here — has set her new production for English Touring Opera in a turn-of-the-century art college (Wimbledon School of Art if the programme pictures are anything to go by, and they usually are). She has given us all a lesson or two in Mozartian tone and perspective in the process.

Così fan tutte
Sadler's Wells

The curtain rises on a class busy at its easels, its sculpted heads and its anatomy: the store cupboards of the Royal College of Art. Slade and Winsor & Newton have been well and truly rifled.

Ferrando models: Guglielmo paints. Fiordiligi paints: Dorabella models. Each other, of course, and the girls even take Polaroid photographs of the images they adore.

Don Alfonso is one of those tormenting teachers who prods the clay and slashes his brush across the canvas just when you think you are halfway to a masterpiece. And, of course, they all have much to learn beyond mere anatomy.

Venables' conceit is worked out in such graphic and witty detail, thanks to the design assistance of Edit Nathan and costumiere Lucy Bevan, that it would be tempting to write about nothing else.

But, as she showed with her enchanting *Magic Flute* for Opera Northern Ireland in 1990, Venables is not just a director with a thesis.

Now, as then, her ears are sharp to pick up every flicker of humour and pain within the music. And her mind and eye counterpoint these with production ideas which actually make us hear more of Mozart himself.

With Ivor Bolton at the podium, and every aspect of this production meticulously musically prepared, this was a double delight.

When Mozart plays a musical game of pairs (mirror-image phrases, dueting in parallel thirds and sixths) Venables answers with a droll twinning of disguised lovers, in identical velvet suits and bowlers, one shocking salmon pink, one lime green. As the game-playing turns to greater sorrow than even Don Alfonso could have anticipated, the pairing falls apart.

Act I's rich play of visual and aural ironies (compounded, incidentally, by the eclectic wit of Jeremy Sams's English translation) gives way to an ever-sharpening differentiation of character and dilemma.

Charles Johnston is alert to the subterranean raging of this young Don Alfonso; Eleanor Bennett, particularly in her virtuoso and savage send-up of medical science, to the high intelligence and raw wounds at the heart of this Despina.

Meurig Davies has the power in his baritone for the sharp anger of this Guglielmo, and Andrew Burden the felicitous, honeyed tenor for this Ferrando.

Julie Unwin is a firebrand of a Dorabella with a voice to match. Catherine Pierard, not on top form on the first night, nevertheless drew a grave beauty out of the insecurity of Fiordiligi. Catch it if you can, some time between now and May 29, and somewhere on the spring tour between Barnstaple and Carlisle.

HILARY FINCH


Mozart of the century: Andrew Burden (left) and Meurig Davies in Così fan tutte

How Verdi were my valleys

During the prelude to *Ballo* King Gustav III crosses the stage to attend to his toy theatre. The model playhouse looks much like Stockholm's Drottningholm and, on a separate toy set, he adjusts the position of a couple of figures. Sweden's artist-king is seen to play with the emotions of others as well as his own: he will pay the price. But expect nothing fancy thereafter. What follows is full-blooded theatre and full-blooded Verdi.

Un Ballo in maschera
New Theatre, Cardiff

The production, by the late Göran Järvefelt, comes up wonderfully fresh, especially when delivered with the fervour generated by the cast of this revival. The setting is specifically Swedish, blue and fawn colours prevailing as Carl Oberle's tiered platforms rotate around the stage, giving a slightly different angle on each theme before finally lining up as a horizontal stairway for the fatal masked ball of the title.

But the emotions and the music are 100 per cent Italian. And so there we are at the core of Verdi's opera. How different from the suspended bedsteads that have been produced for *Ballo* elsewhere.

Welsh National Opera's casting is also vocally spot-on. Richard Margison's Gustav is a man of substantial appetites: he has an eye both for Oscar's trim ankles and the fuller-blown charms of Amelia. His tenor is even bigger. It might not carry the ripeness or finesse for the barcarole, but tenors with far more illustrious names would have been proud of the power and dignity Margison breathed into the last quarter of an hour of the opera.

Lisa Gasteen's Amelia was not going to be outdone in the matter of decibels. Like Margison she is fearless, but the voice does go through the occasional coarse patch. Still, in Amelia's plea to embrace once more her son Gasteen (who later makes an unscheduled appearance), she displayed some real feminine warmth. She looks a likely prospect for Aida in a couple of years.

Flu reportedly affected some of the other performers. Donald Maxwell's Anckarstroem, survivor of the 1982 *Ballo*, was forced to squeeze some notes in "Eri Tu", but remained a powerful supporter of marital fidelity. Rebecca Evans' Oscar, cheeky and rouge-cheeked, was a bit too feminine. Anne-Marie Owens' soothsayer was clearly the queen of the Stockholm waterfront, even though she took her time to recognise a king.

Carlo Rizzi, after a cautious start, gave singers and orchestra their respective heads. When the Act II love duet fills every cranny of the theatre, as it did on opening night, then true Verdi is in the air. This *Ballo*, original and thrilling and honest to its composer, is not to be missed as it tours the country this spring.

JOHN HIGGINS

TELEVISION REVIEW

Rouble-rousing

Jimmy Reid has put on a bit of weight since his days as a communist agitator, but he is still handsome, articulate and angry. "I came to hate a system that allowed innocents to die and made mothers weep," he says, flicking through the death certificates of his sisters ("Diptheria, pneumonia — but let me tell you the real cause was poverty"). The hateful system was capitalism. Now he has discovered another outlet for hatred: communism.

Jimmy Reid's tale of Soviet financial skulduggery was long on anger, short on surprises

Moscow Gold (Channel 4) was supposed to be the story of how the Soviet Union had handed over millions of pounds to the European communist parties since the 1920s. It was a shabby tale, but should come as no surprise to any reader of newspapers over the past two years. And so Reid, the Glaswegian strike organiser and former member of the Communist Party national executive, interwove his own life story with that of the corruption of the Soviet system. You cannot weep for the Politburocrats of Moscow and King Street but, by God, you can for puir Jimmy and his broken idols.

Reid opened with a silly spy-thriller reconstruction of a KGB man handing over cash to a British Communist Party middle man on a remote wooded lane in England. Did this happen? Well, yes. Reid had been to Moscow and dug up the handwritten receipts, some of them dating back to 1922. *Moscow Gold* did not exactly creak with research, but Reid was at his best when he drew a direct comparison between the financial condition of the Communist Party and the Labour Party in 1930. The British communists owned their own premises in Covent Garden, maintained a big full-time staff, owned their own newspaper, publishing house and printing press — and yet did not have a single MP.

The Labour Party had to lease its headquarters, had no newspaper of its own and had to struggle by on a tiny fraction of the funds available to the Communist Party. That was the first betrayal for Reid. He had been brought up to believe that the Communist Party was run on the pathetically small offerings of impoverished workers and widows, not on fat wads of laundered cash delivered by the KGB.

After making this point with admirable clarity, Reid lost his drift. He spent a long time interviewing strike leaders from the 1970s to prove that they did not receive a penny from Moscow. Sam McCluskie, the former leader of the Seamen's Union, was interviewed at the dog track. He told Reid: "I hated those people", meaning the few hard-nut communist agitators on the national executive of his union. "The Communist Party," Reid concluded, "was not interested in industrial mayhem, but it did want influence in the unions that it could not get through the ballot box."

In other words, Soviet money flowed into the British Communist Party machine to select and train unionists who would in turn shape union policy and the whole climate of industrial relations.

Did this really come as a surprise to Reid? He said he started to lose faith with the party in the 1960s, and especially after the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. But even after his break with communism, he must have seen how union politics was being run, how the party used its placement.

There were no great revelations in *Moscow Gold*. At least one secret remained intact throughout the programme: what does Reid believe nowadays? We were told he no longer thinks much of Lenin, who placed the principle of terror at the heart of communism. Nor does he respect the other early Bolsheviks whom he now calls "outrageously elitist".

But throughout the programme Reid was at pains to separate the teachings of Marx from the practice of Lenin, to present Lenin as a perversion. Can it be that, for all his anger about Paradise Lost, Reid is still a soft-Marxist, the very last Utopian?

ROGER BOYES


Jimmy Reid: betrayed by his idols

CONCERTS: An evening of new music at the Purcell Room; and an intense account of Tchaikovsky's Fifth at the Festival Hall

Surface noise

Searching for new sounds and new forms is all very well, but in this Purcell Room concert, given by the new music group **Ixion**, it was plain that, for some young composers, manner takes precedence over substance. Take Ben Morison's and Simon Opit's *II — flute piano, violin, cello*, a 15-minute piece for the instruments named, to which each composer contributed two instrumental parts. We were not told the degree to which they collaborated, but the instrumentalists were not supposed to collaborate at all. They still managed to finish at more or less the same time: perhaps there had been too much rehearsal.

This music circled the same meditative, meandering orbit as the American composer Douglas Cohen's *Penetrating/Stillness* (1990), for flute and cello. Here were individual moments of beauty, but again one searched in vain for a solid core to this vague, New Age meditation.

Elsewhere, all was outward effect, as in Günter Steinke's solo cello piece *C-Arco* (1988) — hideously difficult to perform, but lightweight in effect — and the Canadian James Rolfe's *Fêtes de la faims* (1991), an intentional destruction of Rimbaud's poem which contained all the pugnacious clichés in the book, including parts for, I think, brake drums. Very macho.

Andrew Toovey (Ixion's director and guiding spirit) is, however, a composer of substance. His four Rilke songs for voice and violin, *Fallen* (1992), brief and to the point, each concentrate on simple structural devices. His other pieces here, *Pendu* and *Fast Net* for solo violin (1992/3), contrasted virtuoso nightmare-fantasy and ethereal, modal simplicity. Michael Finnissy's *Enek* (1989), also for solo violin, took its cue from fiddlers heard in Budapest cafés. One recognised the relationship with rhetorical Magyar style, but the piece seemed to wander aimlessly.

Two works, however, stood out. James Clapperton's *Meditation in Wyntir*, for six players, was founded upon a solid source, William Dunbar's eponymous poem about this depressive time of year. Its slowly twittering surface concealed an underlying melancholic, powerful lyricism. And the Korean Shinuh Lee's *Space* (1992) for flute, clarinet and piano contained a wealth of strong ideas and was a cogent, if over-dense, structure. Ixion's playing was committed and sure throughout.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Mehta's white hot passion

One of the **London Philharmonic Orchestra**'s most memorable concerts last season included a performance of Tchaikovsky's Fifth under Kurt Masur. On Sunday at the Festival Hall Zubin Mehta gave the same work with the same orchestra, inviting unavoidable comparisons.

Where Masur's conception was compelling from first to last because of his masterly grasp of the symphony's organic structure, Mehta was less convincing in the early stages, but by the finale had everyone on the edge of their seats with the white hot intensity of his conducting.

Mehta's performance was more of an emotional roller-coaster than Masur's powerfully crafted affair, with the inevitable consequence that in the dips, tension was inclined to sag. It was a reading of volatile — not to say neurotic — states, with unpredictable changes of dynamic and mood, capped by manic outbursts of passion.

In Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, things were very different. For a start, the soloist was the Japanese violinist **Midori**, whose fragility of tone and delicacy of nuance are such that any accompanying orchestra is obliged to apply the mutes, at least metaphorically.

To his credit, Mehta subdued his forces in such a way that they never overwhelmed the soloist, who was free to weave her acutely sensitive way through this most tender-hearted of concertos. What Midori may lack in strength of tone she makes up for with the refinement of her musicality. It is a mark of her communicative abilities that she is able to make one hear the subtleties of this over-familiar work with new ears.

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Gooch takes plunge on sport's big dipper



SIMON BARNES

At the Bombay Test

Graham Gooch, the England captain, once said to me: "Defeat is part of your life as a sportsman." To cope with defeat, and to cope with victory, is the daily business of every athlete. Neither task is easy. The best find inspiration in both, and avoid the twin imposters of complacency and despair.

"At the end of the day, you win and you're a hero, or you lose and you're a villain," Gooch said yesterday, after the conclusion of the winter's serious cricketing business.

"Tell me about it," you could almost hear the Indian captain, Mohammad Azharuddin, say. Just about everyone in India was calling for his head after his disastrous tour of South Africa. He is indecisive, he lets a game drift, he cannot impose his personality on a game; and on and on.

All this is still true. But Azharuddin has allowed the last three Test matches to drift into three crushing defeats of England. A hero. "A lot of time was being wasted in South Africa," he said. "In this series, we were more focused."

Poor old Gooch. There he was, facing his grilling, comfortless in the five-star comfort of the team room at the hotel. He sat, with his black splinters of beard, speaking in his incongruously high voice: "I don't take defeat and failure too easily." He was not keen to come on this tour in the first place. He will go home before the team flies to Sri Lanka, leaving the lads in the hands of Alec Stewart.

The question that remains is whether Gooch will be back in charge for the Ashes series in the summer. "I don't shirk responsibility," Gooch said. "We have lost, and lost badly. The captain has the most important role in the side. The guys follow his lead, and the captain takes responsibility. If you lose heavily, the captain must stand up and be counted."

Will you carry on as captain? "It's not a decision for me to take." Yes, but do you *want* to carry on? Pause. "You've got to think about it, haven't you?" This remark, this non-answer, hung in the air, containing a number of possibilities.

When Gooch became captain, he plucked England from a spiral of defeat and played some magnificent cricket in the process.

He and his side have played some tough, fighting cricket, particularly against West Indies, and that is still the side against which all achievements must be measured. Gooch has ridden sport's big dipper, from victory to catastrophe — particularly catastrophe in Australia — and back to victory again. But now the side has plummeted into the depths once more. Defeat against Pakistan last summer, and now humiliation here. At such moments, even the most stubborn of men wonder about continuing. "You can't go on for ever," he said.

Keith Fletcher, the England manager and long-time friend of Gooch, was instrumental in persuading him to lead the tour. At this point, Fletcher could keep silent no longer. "We've got to think about beating Australia now," he said. "I think Graham is the man for the job. To speculate and say we will change captains is stupid."

Back at the stadium, Azharuddin was explaining the reasons for India's superiority. There were two: "We batted better. And we bowled better." You cannot argue with facts like that. In victory, everything is simple; in defeat, nothing.

For this was a woeful performance from England. There is no ducking it. "I would have taken 350 on this track," Gooch said, "but they got 591. That's a flat wicket score." They did so mainly because Blakey missed a stumping, Gooch a slip catch and DeFreitas a catch in the deep. DeFreitas's miss alone cost 181 runs.

These cannot be seen as three separate incidents. Each is a different aspect of a team caught anew in the spiral of defeat. We give heaps of credit to the captain when he wins. What should we do when he loses? Blame Gooch. Perhaps that is unfair. But Gooch is proud enough to insist that we do so.

RUGBY UNION

Ojomoh gets new role as England A drop Back

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Back, by common consent the outstanding performer in England's last eight second XV games, has been omitted from the A team to play Spain at Richmond on March 5.

Back concedes the open-side flank position to Steve Ojomoh, a move presaged by Geoff Cooke, the senior team manager, when the Bath player was given a place in the Lanzarote training squad. In accordance with the theory that Ojomoh's strength, pace and height may make him the open-side of the future, he is given what amounts to a trial after playing the last two A games at No. 8.

"It gives him the opportunity to play in that position and adds another string to the selection bow," Graham Smith, the England A manager, said. "But everyone in the England camp is a great admirer of what Back does and he's still an integral part of the squad."

The move is a shot in the dark since Ojomoh has had only two league games in the No. 7 shirt for Bath this season and prefers playing No. 8. Nor will it do much for Back's morale that he now finds himself among the replacements after a series of excellent games for club, division and England A which have underlined his gifts.

"I don't know what they're trying to do to the boy," Tony Russ, the Leicester director of coaching, said yesterday. "He has been told he has not been dropped, that he is still rated No. 2, but he's pretty upset about it. He has had a conversation with Dick Best [the England coach] which has helped pacify him."

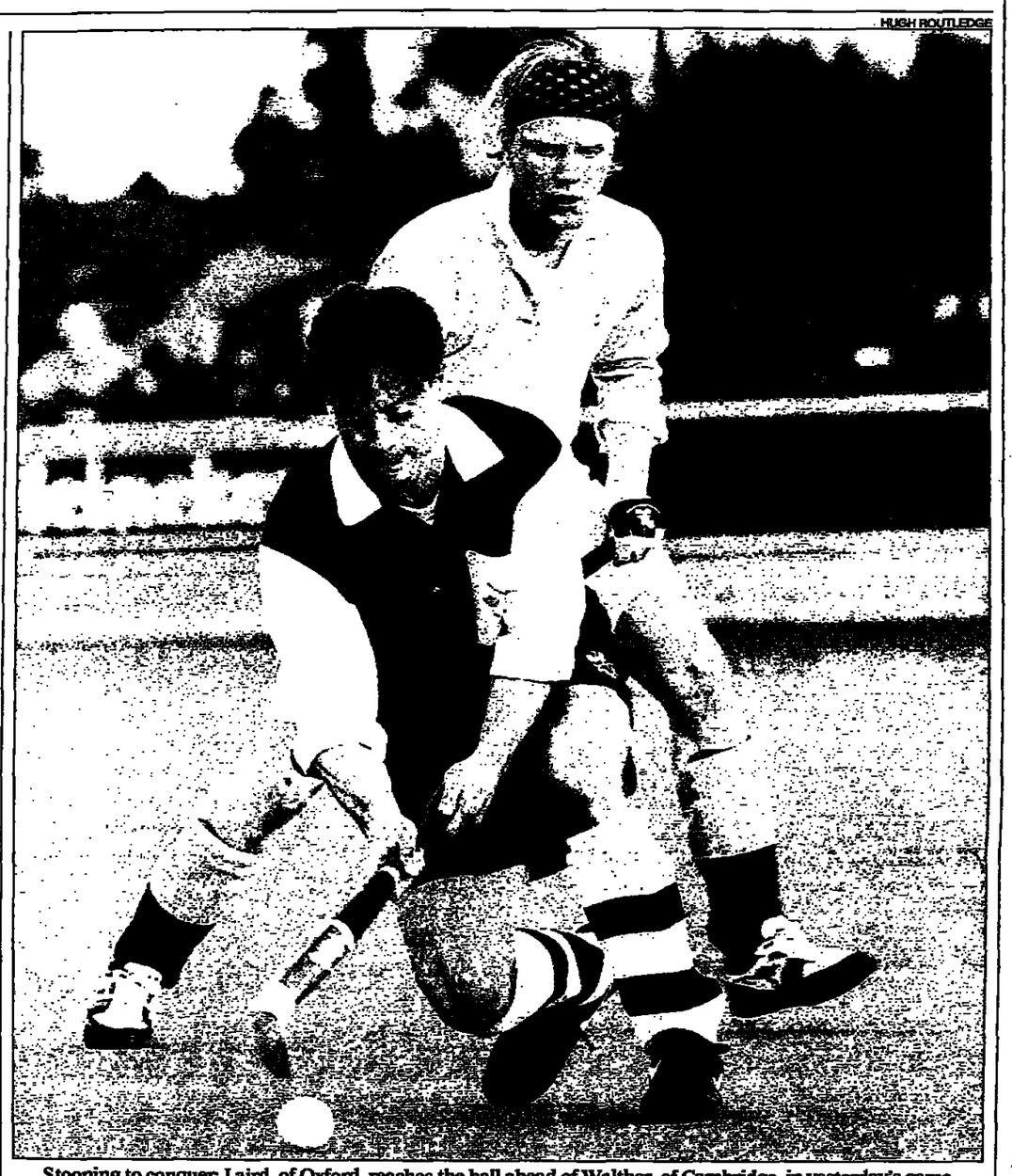
Given that Spain conceded 52 points to Italy in their last outing, it remains to be seen whether a strong game by Ojomoh will prove anything. He has the benefit of Dean Richards' massive presence alongside him, which will offer the British Isles selectors a chance to remind themselves of Richards' qualities.

Darren Garforth makes his first appearance at this level in place of Andy Mullins at tight-head prop, a reward for a series of good club and divisional games, while yet another Leicester player, Steve Hackney, returns on the wing instead of Tony Underwood, who plays in the Calcutta Cup match the next day.

Paul Grayson, the England Under-21 stand-off half, will miss Waterloo's Pilkington Cup quarter-final against Harlequins on Saturday. Grayson swallowed his tongue in a heavy tackle playing against Moseley on February 13 and is subject to the mandatory three-week rest after a player has suffered concussion. Ian Aitchison will replace him.

England A (v Spain): A Buzza (Wasps); H Thorneycroft (Northampton), S Potter (Leicester), D Hopley (Wasps), S Hackney (Leicester); P Challinor (Harlequins), M Dawson (Northampton); C Clark (Swansea), K Dunn (Wasps), D Garforth (Leicester), J Hall (Bath, captain), M Johnson (Leicester), A Blackmore (Bristol), S Ojomoh (Bath), D Richards (Leicester). Replacements: N Beal (Northampton), J Steele (Northampton), K Bracken (Bristol), R Cockerill (Leicester), A Mullins (Harlequins), N Back (Leicester).

Worthington National Tens: First round draw: Wasps v Newcastle Gosforth, Bristol v London Scottish; Gloucester v West Hartlepool; Wakefield v Northampton; Bath v Waterloo; London Irish v Saracens; Orrell v Rugby; Nottingham v Harlequins.



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Stooping to conquer: Laird, of Oxford, reaches the ball ahead of Walther, of Cambridge, in yesterday's game

Edwards inspires Oxford success

Oxford University 3
Cambridge University ... 0

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

OXFORD won the Varsity Bowl for the third successive year at Reading yesterday, defeating Cambridge with a superb, midfield display their university rivals could not contain. Inspired from left half by their captain, Grant Edwards, who set a hot pace, Oxford took a 2-0 lead by half-time that Cambridge, despite some spirited play in the second half, particularly by Carver, were never able to recover.

The game was short on spectacle and three hold-ups to dress the wounds of injured Cambridge players did little to help. Two Oxford players, Hoskin and Graham, were temporarily suspended in the first half for questionable tackling, although, overall, the match was played in good spirits.

Hoskin brought a lot of life into Oxford's attack with his quick reactions to the loose ball. MacCormick emerged with credit from the Cambridge defence and, covering ground at great speed, set up a number of attacks — all too often without support.

Oxford's more effective patterns at the short corner paid two rich dividends in the opening period. In the third minute, Blishen saved from Edwards but the ball ran clear to Bell, who pounced on it to score. After coming close to converting their second short corner, Oxford capitalised on the third in the 26th minute. This time, an innocent shot by Edwards found the mark off the goalkeeper's stick.

Lloyd led a Cambridge assault at the start of the second half, but their defence was soon in disarray with the loss of the injured McCarthy. Foley replaced him.

After Hoskin had flicked the ball against a crossbar from Oxford's fourth short corner, Cambridge began to steer a steadier course with Carver in control of the attack. His shot from close range in the sixtieth minute was saved by Wigmore and MacCormick, following up, put the ball over the crossbar.

Oxford laid siege once more to the Cambridge goal but were held off until the dying seconds, when they scored their third goal from another short corner. Blishen saved from Edwards and Hoskin scored on the follow up.

OXFORD: T Wigmore (King's, Macclesfield and Christ Church); A Minson (Queensland University and Balliol), R Markham (King Edward VI, Southampton and Mansfield), P Bell (Campbell, Belfast and Lincoln), M Meredith (Ratcliffe and Pembroke), M Hoskin (Sir William Borlase and Keble), S Griffiths (Whitgift and University), G Edwards (Lincoln University, NZ and Lincoln, captain), A Laird (Magdalen CS and Brasenose), B Ellison (Rugby and Keble), W Graham (Grey School, SA and Keble). Subs: W Gresswell (King's, Taunton and Pembroke), S Liddle (Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree and Worcester).

CAMBRIDGE: C Blishen (King Edward VI, Southampton and St John's); J Stott (Wellington College and Homerton), J MacCormick (Auckland GS and Corpus Christi, captain), C Carter (RGS High Wycombe and Girton), A Walther (Hohe Landesschule and Trinity), T McCarthy (Simon Langton BS and St John's), M Carver (King Edward VI, Southampton and Corpus Christi), P Harvey (Dorothy Stringer HS and St Catharine's), R Lloyd (Hitchin BS and St John's), D Bolger (Bedford and Homerton), J Aracott (Tonbridge and Magdalene). Subs: J Foley (Hitchin BS and St John's), R Cake (KCS Wimbledon and St John's), W Ashworth (Radley and Emmanuel).

Umpires: M Grimsdale and A Wooley (Southern Counties).



Washington: first round victory in Arizona

Hunter to stay in contention

IAN Hunter, dropped harshly by England after the collapse in Cardiff of the dream of a third consecutive grand slam, has no intention of taking his demotion lying down (David Hands writes). Although he has withdrawn from the squad that will try to halt Scotland's assault on the triple crown at Twickenham on March 6, Hunter wants to press his claims for the final match of the season, against Ireland on March 20, and the close-season tours.

He has taken the opportunity to sort out a knee abscess, which was an offshoot of the training injury that caused him to miss the international against South Africa last November.

Hunter, 24 last week, did not wish to jeopardise his position by attending to an injury he thought could be left to the end of the season. "I decided to get it seen to, and I'll definitely be playing in two weeks," he said.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Montgomerie fined £1,000 for remarks

COLIN Montgomerie, the Ryder Cup golfer, was yesterday fined £1,000 by Ken Schofield, executive director of the PGA European Tour, for remarks he made during the Moroccan Open last week (Patricia Davies writes). Montgomerie, 29, who has a tendency to throw a tantrum when things are not going his way, called the tournament an "amateur sham" and was fined the maximum amount for what was deemed a minor breach of discipline.

"It's time for Colin's on-course and off-course conduct to match his golf," Schofield, who has spoken to his fellow Scot about his behaviour before, said. "I told him that in May 1991 and in the last couple of years we've encouraged Colin to have his maturity match his golf. He should be talked about and written about for his golf, not his petulance."

Schofield was in London yesterday to announce the schedule for the seniors tour this year, which will comprise 12 events. Tony Jacklin, eligible in July 1994 when he is 50, is already limbering up, keen to be the catalyst for a seniors boom, just as he sparked the rise of European golf in the Seventies.

South Africa miss out

CRICKET: Brian Lara scored an unbeaten 111, his second successive one-day century, to steer West Indies to a nine-wicket win over South Africa in Bloemfontein yesterday, as they easily overtook the home side's total of 185 for six. Lara and Desmond Haynes put on 152 for the first wicket. Lara's innings, off 140 balls, guided West Indies to 188 for one, with more than five overs to spare, and means that South Africa will not contest the final of the triangular one-day series on Saturday. The result leaves them with four points from six games; West Indies and Pakistan have six points from five and their last game in Cape Town tomorrow will be a rehearsal for the final in Johannesburg.

Schwer must beware

BOXING: Billy Schwer, the British and Commonwealth lightweight champion, will have his work cut out tonight when he meets Paul Burke, of Preston, at the Grand Hall, Wembley (Srikumar Sen writes). Schwer is already looking beyond this contest because he has been nominated challenger for the European title, but Burke may not be as straightforward a job as it looks to most people. Schwer is unbeaten in 19 contests, but has a tendency to cut around the eyes — he was cut in his last bout, against Mauricio Aceves, although the injury appears to have healed. Burke is a good boxer-puncher, and if he manages to get his boxing going, he could open up old wounds.

Katunarich makes mark

BOWLS: Dennis Katunarich, of Australia, became the only overseas player to reach the quarter-finals of the Midland Bank world indoor singles championship when he beat Hugh Duff, the 1988 champion, at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday. Duff established match-winning positions four times in the final set, but each time Katunarich, of Yugoslav extraction, escaped. Duff played badly in the first set, and lost 7-2, but found his touch by taking the mat up the green. He looked like the winner when he won the next two sets, 7-4, 7-2, but Katunarich levelled, winning the fourth, 7-2. In the decider, Katunarich took the honours on the ninth end, winning 7-6.

Davis on defensive

SNOOKER: Steve Davis showed the versatility of his game to beat Les Dodd 5-0 in an attritional third-round match at the Wickes British Open in Derby yesterday. Davis, who won his first tournament for 13 months on Sunday by beating Stephen Hendry in the European Open, made a break of 74 in the first frame, but played defensively for the remainder of the contest, which lasted almost 2½ hours. "I had break after break against Stephen and really flowed, but this was a totally different, if equally satisfying, match," Davis, who meets David Finbow, of Worcester, for a place in the last 16 tomorrow, said. Steve Lee, 18, from Trowbridge, beat Steve James, the world No. 10, 5-2.

Yachts on fast track

YACHTING: Mike Golding and his crew aboard Group 4 Securitas continued to lead the British Steel Challenge fleet across the Indian Ocean yesterday. But with three rivals within 35 miles, this race, which still has 3,700 miles to run before they reach the third stop-over port at Cape Town, remains very much open. The yachts have made such fast progress that their arrival date at Cape Town has been revised to March 18 — six days ahead of schedule.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 1500 GMT yesterday, with miles to Cape Town): 1, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 3,725; 2, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 3,752; 3, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 3,758; 4, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 3,763; 5, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), 3,774; 6, British Steel II (R Tudor), 3,783; 7, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 3,794; 8, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 3,796; 9, Interspray (P Jeffes), 3,803; 10, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 3,819.

Medal hopes for Snell

SKIING: Julia Snell, the freestyle skier, raised hopes of British success in the world championships in Austria next month by winning a silver medal at the World Cup event in La Plagne, France. Snell's routine of spins, jumps and axels has shown potential all season, but the 29-year-old, from Southampton, has often lacked the strength to carry it off. Skiing better than she has done all winter, she was beaten at La Plagne only by the explosive power of the American world champion, Ellen Breen. The world championships, in two weeks' time, are measured on single runs, and Snell has beaten Breen in the past. "I feel that things are coming together at just the right time," Snell said.

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FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers 1, Brighton 0; West Ham United 0, Wimbledon 4.

Late results on Monday

PREMIER LEAGUE: Sheffield United 2, Oldham Athletic 0.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leicester City 2, Wolverhampton Wanderers 0. Second division: Mansfield Town 3, Hull City 1.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City 0, Swindon Town 2; Chelsea 3, Charlton Athletic 1; Crystal Palace 2, Portsmouth 0. Postponed: Oxford United v Southampton. Second division: Plymouth Argyle 1, Cheltenham 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hednesford 0, Solihull 1.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division cup: Guiseley 1, Harrogate 1.

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Croydon 5, Heybridge 0. Second division: Barton 1, Banstead 0; Malden Vale 0, Chertsey 0; Ruislip Manor 1, Hemel Hempstead 0.

BOWLS

PRESTON: Midland Bank world indoor championships: Pairs: Quarter-final: C Curtis and I Schubeck (Aus) bt P Bellis and G Lawson (NZ), 1-7, 8-7, 7-0, 7-1, 7-2.

BOXING

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina: WBA light-middleweight championship: Julio Cesar Vazquez (Arg) ko Aquilino Asprilla (Panama), 1st rnd.

CRICKET

RED STRIPE CUP: Third day: Bridgetown: Barbados 117 and 213; Guyana 113 and 218-6 (S Chanderpaul 58). Guyana won by 4 wkts. St John's, Antigua: Leeward Islands 199 and 359; Jamaica 228 and 196-5 (J Dujon 77 not out C Davidson 62). Match drawn.

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa: Triangular one-day series: South Africa 185-6 (50 overs); West Indies 188-1 (B C Lara 111 not out, D L Haynes 57; 44 3 overs). West Indies won by 9 wkts. Positions: 1, Pakistan, played 5, 6pts; 2, West Indies, 5, 6, 3, South Africa, 6, 4

CYCLING

PALERMO: Sicily International week (Italy unless stated): Third stage (Recalmuto to Gela, 144km): 1, M Fondriest; 2, E Vanderaerden (Bel); 3, E Leoni, 4, S Zanini; 5, G Ricanza, all 3hr 12min 01sec. Overall: 1, L Lom (Cz), 11:27:34; 2, M Bartoli, st 1sec; 3, P Fornaciari, at 13; 4, M Lietti, at 15; 5, S Zanini, at 2min 25sec.

GOLF

WORLD RANKINGS (US unless stated): 1, N Faldo (GB), 24.73pts; 2, F Couples, 16.27; 3, I Woosnam (GB), 12.89; 4, B (Ger), 12.73; 5, J M Olazabal (Sp), 12.39; 6, N Price (Zim), 12.37; 7, G Norman (Aus), 12.22; 8, D Love III, 11.88; 9, T Kite, 11.52; 10, J Cook, 10.69; 11, P Azinger, 10.33; 12, R Floyd, 9.33; 13, M Ozaki, (Japan), 9.30; 14, M McNulty (Zim), 9.13; 15, S Ballesteros (Sp), 8.81.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Philadelphia Flyers 5, Detroit Red Wings 5; Los Angeles Kings 5, Tampa Bay Lightning 2; Winnipeg Jets 6, Ottawa Senators 3; New York Rangers 4, San Jose Sharks 0; Toronto Maple Leafs 8, Vancouver Canucks 1.

SNOOKER

DERBY: Wickes British Open: Third round: J Higgins (Scot) bt T Griffiths (Wales), 5-2; N Terry (Eng) bt D Reynolds (Eng), 5-3; T Shaw (Eng) bt D Fowler (Eng), 5-4; D O'Kane (NZ) bt E Hughes (Ire), 5-4; C Smith (Eng) bt N Foulds (Eng), 5-4; W King (Aus) bt A Jones (Eng), 5-2; E Charlton (Aus) bt C Roscoe (Wales), 5-0; S Francisco (SA) bt I Sargent (Wales), 5-1; K Doherty (Ire) bt F Chan (HK), 5-3; J White (Eng) bt B Dollan (Can), 5-4; W Thorne (Eng) bt J Michie (Eng), 5-3; P Ebdon (Eng) bt G Wilkinson (Eng), 5-4.

SQUASH

CARDIFF: Leekes Welsh Classic: Men's final: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt C Dittmar (Aus), 15-13, 15-10, 15-9. Women's final: L Irving (Aus) bt M Le Moignan (Eng), 17-15, 17-15, 13-15, 15-11.

PIMMS PREMIER LEAGUE: Lambs 4, Lingfield 0; WF Village Manchester 1, Cannons 3; Court Shop Surbiton 0, Leekes Wizards 4.

TENNIS

ROTTERDAM: World Indoor tournament: First round: F Wilder (Holl) bt B Wuyts (Bel), 6-2, 6-4; A Olhovsky (Russ) bt G Pozzi (It), 6-3, 0-6, 7-5; D Nargiso (It) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 6-2, 6-4; H Holm (Swe) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-3, 6-2; K Novacek (Cz Rep) bt A Medvedev (Ukr), 6-0, 6-4; A Volkov (Russ) bt M Schapers (Holl), 6-2, 6-4.

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Men's tournament: First round: M Washington (US) bt D Flach (US), 6-4, 7-6; B Gilbert (US) bt R Furlan (It), 6-3, 7-6; L Mattar (Br) bt F Santoro (Fr), 6-3, 7-5; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt D Pate (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; A O'Brien (US) bt T Woodbridge (Aus), 7-6, 1-0, ret; K Evans (US) bt A Mancini (Arg), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; J Yzaga (Peru) bt C van Rensburg (SA), 1-6, 6-2, 7-5; G Marius (Arg) bt B Karbacher (Ger), 7-5, 6-7, 6-3.

INDIAN WELLS, California: Event Cup women's tournament: First division: K Rinaldi (US) bt T Price (SA), 7-5, 4-6, 6-4; G Helgeson (US) bt M Paz (Arg), 6-3, 6-1; C Cunningham (US) bt J Hetherington (Can), 6-2, 6-1; S Rottier (Holl) bt L Fernando (It), 6-4, 1-6, 6-1; J Stevan (US) bt J Byrne (Aus), 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; E Reinach (SA) bt C Papadaki (Gr), 6-4, 6-1; D Graham (US) bt L Field (Aus), 6-0, 6-1; K Po (US) bt R White (US), 6-3, 6-1; L Davenport (US) bt A Gavaldon (US), 5-7, 7-6, 6-2; R McQuillan (Aus) bt M Zvejc-Skuk (Ger), 1-6, 6-3, 6-2; A Grossman (US) bt M Jaeger (GBS), 7-6, 6-3; J Kruger (SA) bt N Miyagi (Japan), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; R Harald (Japan) bt J Sanbrook (US), 6-2, 6-1; R Johnson (US) bt G Pizzichini (It), 7-5, 7-6; C Kuhlman (US) bt P Ritter (Austria), 6-2, 7-5; A Temesvari (Hun) bt M L Daniels (US), 6-7, 7-5, 6-3.

ATP: Rankings: 1, J Courier (US), 3,572pts; 2, P Sampras (US), 3,241; 3, S Edberg (Swe), 3,021; 4, B Becker (Ger), 2,888; 5, M Chang (US), 2,328; 6, P Korda (Cz Rep), 2,303; 7, G Ivanisevic (Croatia), 2,251; 8, A Agassi (US), 2,036; 9, T Lendl (US), 2,016; 10, M Stich (Ger), 1,992. Money winners: 1, Stich, $467,917 (£320,000); 2, Courier, $366,809; 3, Becker, $330,206; 4, W Masur (Aus), $264,655; 5, R Krajicek (Holl), $225,038; 6, K Novacek (Cz Rep), $186,165; 7, Edberg, $176,266; 8, M Woodforde (Aus), $147,375; 9, Sampras, $141,277; 10, Korda, $134,520.

WTA: Rankings: 1, M Seles (Yug), 301.69pts; 2, S Graf (Ger), 271.71; 3, M Navratilova (US), 199.60; 4, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp), 188.37; 5, G Sabatini (Arg), 182.91; 6, J Capriati (US), 131.91; 7, M J Fernandez (US), 110.34; 8, C Martinez (Sp), 106.00; 9, J Novotna (Cz), 86.79; 10, A Huber (Ger), 73.89. Money winners: 1, Seles, $429,138 (£295,000); 2, Navratilova, $291,250; 3, Graf, $191,600; 4, Sánchez Vicario, $121,161; 5, Novotna, $117,172; 6, G Fernandez (US), $105,306; 7, N Zvereva (Belarus), $101,188; 8, L Neiland (Lat), $100,205; 9, Capriati, $98,118; 10, Sabatini, $92,159.

SKIING

LA PLAGNE, France: World Cup freestyle ballet: Final: Men: R Kristiansen (Nor), 29.50pts. Women: 1, E Breen (US), 28.60; 2, J Snell (GB), 23.70.

HOCKEY

UNIVERSITIES MATCH: Oxford 3, Cambridge 0.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

TRAHENT

(b) A contracting party, or applied to one of the claimants before they entered into a contract, apparently short for *contrahent*: Thomas Cromwell: "Every point in the same letter both touching the title, the demeanours of the trahentes of both parties, and the service that may be done by either party."

TOONIE

(b) The Shetland sheepdog, in full *toonie dog*, because *toon* is the Scottish pronunciation of *town*, and in Shetland *toon* = the arable land of a croft: "The Shetland sheepdog was originally known as the Shetland Collie or Toonie Dog, from the fact of its being used to drive the sheep off the township, croft, or what is known in Shetland as the *toon*."

EXUMBRELLA

(b) The aboral or outer surface of the umbrella of a jelly-fish, modern Latin from *ex-* out of + *umbrella*: "The medusa form resembles a deep to shallow bowl of gelatin, termed the bell or umbrella; the convex aboral surface is called the exumbrella, the concave oral surface, the subumbrella."

MERRY WIDOW

(b) A type of ornate, wide-brimmed hat, from the English name of Franz Lehár's operetta *Die Lustige Witwe*, first produced (in German) in Vienna, 1905, and (in English) in London, 1907: James Joyce, *Ulysses*: "Under the umbrella appears Mrs Cunningham in Merry Widow hat and kimono gown." "When The Merry Widow music echoed across Europe, Lily Elsie wore the hat every night at Daly's. It caught on. From the opening night, June 8, 1907, everybody wore the Merry Widow hat."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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Her Honour's Kempton sample positive

Cheltenham hope fails a dope test

BY OUR RACING STAFF

HER Honour, Martin Pipe's Triumph Hurdle challenger, failed a post-race dope test following a defeat at Kempton last month, the Jockey Club said yesterday.

A sample taken from the filly, who trailed in about 40 lengths behind Indian Quest when starting 6-4 favourite, tested positive to a prohibited substance.

David Pipe, the Jockey Club's director of public affairs, confirmed the positive result but stressed that the substance could have been administered inadvertently in medication.

The Jockey Club does not normally release details of positive tests but David Pipe said: "I can confirm that Her Honour tested positive to a prohibited substance. Our security department is carrying out its normal investigations. We have not yet established whether the horse was doped or not.

"It will probably take a few more days before we know the source, but it would be up to the disciplinary committee to decide whether it will be made public," he added.

The previous day Pipe had attempted to quell fears that a doping scandal, similar to the 1990 nobbling of Bravefoot and Norwich at Doncaster, was about to hit the sport.

Suspicions had heightened following the dismal performances by three favourites last Thursday, including the Martin Pipe-trained Boogie Bopper.

Tests on those horses were found to be negative, with David Pipe commenting: "There is no evidence to support any allegations of skulduggery."

Her Honour has since recovered from her Kempton setback, winning easily at Taunton last Thursday, and is a 20-1 chance for next month's Triumph Hurdle.

In London today, the disciplinary committee is holding an enquiry into a positive sample taken from The Hidden City following his victory at Ludlow on November 19. The gelding is trained at Stratford by Chris Trietline.

A later enquiry will consider whether Bob Davies, the former National Hunt jockey, committed a breach of the Rules of Racing when temporary clerk of the course at Wolverhampton on November 9 by failing to ensure the attendance of two medical officers an hour before the start of racing.

In a third enquiry, the committee will consider whether Jonathan Fenwicke-Clennell, clerk of the course at Kelso, broke the Rules of Racing on October 3 when, through the actions of a fence man, three of the runners in a novice chase missed out a fence.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: STREET KID (4.30 Warwick)
Next best: Plastic Spaceage (4.00 Warwick)

NORTH NEWS AND PICTURES



Red Under The Bed races clear to capture the second Times Rising Stars qualifier

Red Under The Bed outjumps his rivals

BY BRIAN BEEL

THE TIMES RISING STARS

RED Under The Bed ran out a worthy winner of the second qualifier in the Times Rising Stars series at Sedgefield yesterday.

Clive Mulhall on Goner House set a very modest pace early on and stayed in front until after the eighth fence where Red Under The Bed took over.

Goner House kept in close company and matched strides again at the thirteenth with Its A Deal closing to within two lengths. Three out Goner House faded and Stuart Pittendrigh brought Its A Deal to challenge.

However, the combination had been consistently outjumped by Red Under The Bed and, approaching the second last, Simon Brisby glanced over his shoulder to see little danger, Red Under The Bed quickening clear to win by six lengths.

Sue Bramall, the licensed trainer and owner of Red Under The Bed, said: "I knew he would like the firmish ground here as last year it was very fast when I rode him on the gallops."

She has had Red Under The Bed for three years since buying him from Tom Costello in Ireland. In common with many other Bramall-trained horses, he showed nothing last year when running over hurdles.

However, this was the Thirsk trainer's tenth winner of the current campaign with the same team of horses. "We never did find out what was wrong with them all last year," Bramall added.

Connections of all three horses intend to enter them for the Worcester final on April 14.

Sedgefield details

3.40 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTER CHASE (Qualifier: £1,865: 3m 3f)
1, RED UNDER THE BED (Mr S Brisby, 6-4); 2, Its A Deal (Mr S Pittendrigh, Evens fav); 3, Goner House (Mr C Mulhall, 6-1). 3 ran. 6l, 25l. Mrs S Bramall at Thirsk. Tote: £2.10. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.01.

WARWICK

THUNDERER

2.00 Double Silk.
2.30 FLAKEY DOVE (nap).
3.00 Barton Bank.
3.30 Trainglot.
4.00 Smartie Express.
4.30 Crystal Bear.
5.00 Doradus.

Brian Beel: 2.00 Double Silk.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 JURZ.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.00 TOWN OF WARWICK FOXHUNTERS TROPHY CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,255: 3m 2f) (12 runners)

1	2211-3	DOUBLE SILK 13 (G,S) (R Wilkins) R Wilkins 9-12-8	R Trafford (5)	92	
2	1FP3/41-	KILKNOCKEN 326 (D,S) (J Greenall) Miss C Saunders 11-12-8	J Greenall (5)	84	
3	4P13/	KONRAD WOLF 705 (F) (Mrs H Chaloner) S Brookshaw 9-12-2	S Brookshaw (5)	–	
4	PP1/P3-P	MELBERD 9 (D,F) (W Sim) D McCarthy 12-12-2	T McCarthy (7)	76	
5	U00/F	ALAMERRY 2 (B) (Mrs J Brandon) Mrs J Brandon 13-11-9	H'S L Brown (7)	–	
6	40060/	JUST PATRIMONY 644 (Mrs F Langton) D Barker 6-11-9	D Duggan (7)	–	
7	056/P	LEAN ON ME 13 (J Charles) J Charles 10-11-9	B Pollock (7)	–	
8	4/P60-	OCEAN DAY 277 (B Haywood) B Haywood 10-11-9	R H Brown (5)	–	
9	0P555/	RANDOM PLACE 1016 (S) (I Pocock) Mrs R Peacock 11-11-9	I Pocock (7)	–	
10	2	ROYAL DAY B (R Russell) Miss C Saunders 7-11-9	R Russell (5)	98	
11	0P/	TUMBRIL 686 (Major R Dill) Mrs J Manley 8-11-9	L Lay (7)	–	
12	100/0-F	WIBBLE-WABBLE 11 (G) (F Matthews) F Matthews 7-11-9	M Rifik (7)	–	

BETTING: 9-4 Double Silk, 7-2 Tumbril, 5-1 Just Patrimony, Ocean Day, 13-2 Royal Day, 16-1 others.
1992: EASTERN DESTINY 14-12-1 A Griffith (2-1 fav) Mrs J Griffith 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE SILK 2fll 3rd of 6 to Seven of Diamonds in a hunter chase at Wincanton two weeks ago (2m 5f, good). KILNOCKEN best Crown Eyeglass 2l in a 6-runner hunter chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, good to soft). JUST PATRIMONY best Cape Cottage 5l in a 22-runner point-to-point at Kingston Blount (3m, soft). ROYAL DAY 3f 2nd of 11 to Alpine Dee in a hunter chase at Towcester (3m 1f, soft). TUMBRIL best Fine Lace 10l in a 17-runner point-to-point at Heythrop (3m, good). Selection: TUMBRIL

2.30 REGENCY HURDLE (Grade II: £9,200: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

1	10-4334	LIFT AND LOAD 11 (D,G,S) (Mrs P Jobert) R Hannon 6-11-12	D Murphy	91	
2	5F1F2F	BISHOPS ISLAND 7 (CD,S) (Lord Vestey) D Nicholson 7-11-5	R Dunwoody	90	
3	1113320	BOLLIN WILLIAM 18 (D,S) (Sir Neil Westbrook) M H Easterby 5-11-5	L Wyer	96	
4	2113-25	FLAKEY DOVE 11 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Price) R Price 7-11-0	D Tegg	89	
5	204102	KETTI 2 (F,G,S) (Berkshire Commercial Components Ltd) D Williams 8-11-0	NON-RUNNER	–	

BETTING: 11-10 Flakey Dove, 9-4 Lift And Load, 4-1 Bollin William, 10-1 Bishops Island.
1992: DON VALENTINO 7-11-5 M Pitman (33-1) Mrs J Pitman 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

LIFT AND LOAD 11l 4th of 16 to King Credo in the grade III Tote Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle at Newbury (2m, 110yd, good), with FLAKEY DOVE (6lb better off) 1½l 5th.
BOLLIN WILLIAM 34l 9th of 15 to Trainglot in the grade III Tote Jackpot Handicap Hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, good to soft). FLAKEY DOVE 14l 2nd of 6 to Albertillo in a handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m, good to soft). KETTI 30l 2nd of 5 to Proxa in a conditions hurdle at Fontwell on Monday (2m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: FLAKEY DOVE

3.00 WHITLENGE NOVICES CHASE (£6,677: 3m 2f) (4 runners)

1	01-111F	BARTON BANK 60 (BF,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 7-11-12	R Dunwoody	98	
2	418024	ARDCRONEY CHIEF 11 (S) (W Dore) D Bardsley 7-11-5	J Osborne	70	
3	0-42211	SUPERIOR FINISH 21 (G,S) (Dowsett Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-6	M Pitman	89	
4	631331	LETTERFORE 21 (S) (E S Club) J Upson 5-11-1	Mr T Byrne	81	

BETTING: 1-2 Barton Bank, 5-2 Superior Finish, 12-1 Letterfore, 20-1 Ardcroney Chief.
1992: SPRINGALEAK 7-11-1 J Osborne (5-2) D Sherwood 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARTON BANK best Young Hustler 7l in a 4-runner novice chase Cheltenham (2m 5f, soft), with LETTERFORE distant 4th. Previously, best SUPERIOR FINISH (6lb better off) 30l in the 8-runner grade II Agg Worcester Novices' Chase (2m 7f, soft). ARDCRONEY CHIEF under 15l 4th of 8 to Washingtoncrossing in a at Newbury (2m 4f, good). Previously, distance 2nd of 5 to Dalyn Boy in the grade I Teleprint Feltham Novices' Chase at Kempton (3m, good to soft), with BARTON BANK in lead when falling 3 out. SUPERIOR FINISH best Dublin Flyer 20l in a 4-runner novice chase at Leicester (3m, soft). LETTERFORE best Proud Point 30l in a 10-runner novice chase at Windsor (3m, good to soft).
Selection: BARTON BANK

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
N Gaselee	8	28	28.6	P Scudamore	30	84	35.7
M Pipe	37	130	28.5	M Pitman	11	40	27.5
Mrs J Pitman	17	82	20.7	M Dwyer	3	11	27.3
D Nicholson	16	90	17.8	N Mann	6	32	18.8
G Balding	9	61	14.8	R Dunwoody	21	127	16.5
N Henderson	6	46	13.0	J Frost	6	40	15.0

3.30 COVENTRY CITY NOVICES TRIAL HURDLE
(£6,840: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

1	F2-3111	TRAINGLOT 16 (D,G,S) (Marquess de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-12	M Dwyer	93	
2	4-41015	RIVER ISLAND 14 (S) (W Sturt) J Old 5-11-6	T Grantham	92	
3	R21258	ROYAL PIPER 12 (S) (A Darlington) D Barons 6-11-6	J Frost	90	
4	00-1822	MAD THYME 22 (BF) (R Jenks) N Gaselee 6-11-3	C Llewellyn	84	
5	30-0011	RAYMYLETTE 59 (D,S) (Lady Lloyd Webber) N Henderson 6-11-3	R Dunwoody	–	

BETTING: 2-5 Trainglot, 7-2 Raymylette, 6-1 River Island, 16-1 Royal Piper, 20-1 Mad Thyme.
1992: THETFORD FOREST 5-12-0 R Dunwoody (7-4 fav) D Nicholson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

TRAINGLOT beat Sweet Duke 6l in the 15-runner grade III Tote Jackpot Handicap Hurdle at Sandown (2m 5f, good to soft).
RIVER ISLAND 16l 5th of 9 to Bold Boss in a novice hurdle at Ascot last time out (2m, good to soft).
ROYAL PIPER under 20l 6th of 21 to Oasis Regrets in a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, good to soft). MAD THYME 5l 2nd of 24 to Mister Heli-Chance in a maiden hurdle at Nottingham (2m 5f, good to soft). RAYMYLETTE beat Dalrallay Lodge 35l! in a 13-runner National Hunt flat race at Limerick (2m 4f, soft).
Selection: TRAINGLOT

4.00 SKY BLUE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,113: 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners)

1	1-4533F	FU'S LADY 46 (C,D,F,S) (Mrs A Maddy) M Pipe 11-12-0	P Scudamore	99	
2	1-F2221	PLASTIC SPACEAGE 18 (C,D,S,S) (Spaceage Plastics Ltd) J Old 10-11-2	T Grantham	98	
3	31-63FP	PLAT REAY 35 (D,BF,S,S) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 9-11-0	C Llewellyn	92	
4	43P331	SIRRAH JAY 9 (CD,F,S,S) (Elias Gale Racing) S Balding 13-10-12 (Sex)	M Dwyer	93	
5	2101-P2	CHANGE THE ACT 28 (B,D,S,S) (C Heath) O Sherwood 6-10-10	J Osborne	88	
6	11-3423	SMARTIE EXPRESS 8 (CD,F,S) (S Norman) R Hodges 11-10-3	R Dunwoody	94	
7	PP-0560	FRAMPTON HOUSE 49 (S) (M Charles) M Charles 11-10-0	Judy Davies (7)	72	

Long handicap: Frampton House 8-12.
BETTING: 11-8 Plastic Spaceage, 5-2 Smartie Express, 5-1 Change The Act, 7-1 Sirrah Jay, 10-1 Fu's Lady, 14-1 Plat Reay, 33-1 Frampton House.
1992: POETIC GEM 7-10-10 R Guest (2-1 fav) Mrs S Smith 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

FU'S LADY 9½l 3rd of 5 to Up-A-Point in a conditions jockeys' handicap chase at Cheltenham on penultimate start (2m 110yd, soft).
PLASTIC SPACEAGE best Wide Boy 10l in a 3-runner handicap chase at Chepstow (2m 3f 110yd, soft). PLAT REAY 17l 3rd of 6 to Danny Connors in a handicap chase at Bangor in November (2m 4f 110yd, soft).
SIRRAH JAY best Playgan 5l in a 4-runner claiming chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). CHANGE THE ACT 15l 2nd of 5 to Major Kingpin in a handicap chase at Wolverhampton (2m 4f 110yd, good). SMARTIE EXPRESS 61½l 3rd of 8 to Lake Mission in a handicap chase at Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good).
Selection: SMARTIE EXPRESS

4.30 BANBURY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,794: 2m) (5 runners)

1	331/22-3	CRYSTAL BEAR 18 (D,S) (Lady Anstruther) T Forster 8-12-0	R Farrant (5)	90	
2	10-2	JURZ 13 (D,S) (P Slade) R Hodges 5-10-4	R Dunwoody	89	
3	0P12P-2	STREET KID 13 (D,S) (G Stewart) R Johnson Houghton 5-10-0	Mr B Johnson Houghton	95	
4	444025	FREE JUSTICE 13 (D,S) (Lt Col B Lockhart) A J Wilson 9-10-0	K Brown (7)	80	
5	0092-54	MOST INTERESTING 15 (D,F,S) (J Priday) G Jones 8-10-0	C Llewellyn	70	

Long handicap: Street Kid 9-12, Free Justice 9-0, Most Interesting 8-10.
BETTING: 6-4 Jurz, 15-8 Crystal Bear, 9-4 Street Kid, 16-1 Free Justice, 25-1 Most Interesting.
1992: FLAKEY DOVE 6-10-1 D Tegg (12-1) R Price 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

CRYSTAL BEAR 41¼l 3rd of 6 to Albertillo in a handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good to soft).
JURZ 4l 2nd of 18 to Miami Splash in a conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good), with FREE JUSTICE (6lb worse off) 11l 5th.
STREET KID 1l 2nd of 12 to Fierce in a handicap hurdle at Headington (2m 110yd, soft). MOST INTERESTING 39½l 2nd of 4 to Diamond Cat in a handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter on final start last season (2m, good to firm).
Selection: JURZ (nap)

5.00 STUDLEY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,933: 2m) (10 runners)

1	650/110	PERSIAN SWORD 22 (CD,BF,S) (P Hayward) D Nicholson 7-11-10	R Dunwoody	92	
2	5402-02	DH THE LINE 80 (L Bach) C Barwell 5-11-9	N Mann	85	
3	52251	AEDEAN 113 (S) (Aedean Chem & Industrial Flooring Ltd) C Horgan 4-11-8	R Beggan	90	
4	04P-1	DORADUS 7 (S) (Lady Halifax) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-5 (7ex)	M Dwyer	92	
5	806	ULURU 32 (ghs K Morgan) C Nash 5-11-1	J Kavanagh	85	
6	P04-56U	LUCKY BLUE 34 (P Buckley) R Hodges 6-10-8	D Tegg	93	
7	0/0643/4	DONNA'S TOKEN 9 (S Brown) R Brown 8-10-3	Mr J L Llewellyn (7)	94	
8	RF4580-	TEN DEEP 384 (S Giddings) G Giddings 8-10-0	I Lawrence	78	
9	PP-500	GEMDOUBLEYOU 35 (S Johnson) F Jordan 5-10-0	J Lodder	70	
10	/0000/0	FAIRFIELD'S BREEZE 8 (The Fairfields Brass Partnership) R Dickin 8-10-0	W Humphreys	–	

Long handicap: Ten Deep 9-9, Gemdoubleyou 9-7, Fairfield's Breeze 9-7.
BETTING: 4-5 Doradus, 9-2 Persian Sword, 6-1 On The Line, 8-1 Aedean, 16-1 Lucky Blue, 20-1 Donna's Token, Uluru, 33-1 Gemdoubleyou, Ten Deep, 50-1 Fairfield's Breeze.
1992: MIDDLEWICK 7-11-9 Mr C Ward Thomas (12-1) S Christian 13 ran.

FORM FOCUS

PERSIAN SWORD 13l 7th of 15 to State Of Affairs in a novice handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to soft). Previously, best Black Joker 10l in a 10-runner novice handicap hurdle over course and distance (heavy).
ON THE LINE 6l 2nd of 16 to Front Street in a novice handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good to soft), with LUCKY BLUE (5lb better off) 20½l 6th.
AEDEAN beat Rock Hard 4l in a 10-runner novice hurdle at Hereford last time out (2m 1f, good to soft).
DORADUS beat Tig It In 11l in a 14-runner novice handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 1f 110yd, good).
DONNA'S TOKEN 11l 4th of 21 to Cavo Greco in a selling handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good).
Selection: PERSIAN SWORD

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Huntingdon

Going: good

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, SALMOND (M Houngan, 50-1); 2, Prince Tino (C Llewellyn, 11-2); 3, Vasiliev (R Dunwoody, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Simwell, 7-2 Sean's Scholar (40l), 4 Albermine (6th), 20 Lady Buchan (5th), 33 Crystal Heights (f), 50 Maundy Miss (pu), Lloyds Dream, Amlak, Finkle Street, Aldaweza. 13 ran. NR: Mansfield House. 3½l, 1l, 3l, 2l, 6l. Miss K Allison at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £99.10; £13.80, £1.30, £2.00. DF: £648.10. CSF: £279.81.

2.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, BALLYROE LADY (A Maguire, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Tullnut George (D Bridgwater, 7-2); 3, Dragons Dan (J Osborne, 11-4 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Signor Sassie (4th), 9 Broadwell (f), Glengriffin (ur), 16 Spinning Steel (fell), 7 ran. NR: Keelby. 1½l, 12l, 25l. D Gandolfo at Wantage. Tote: £3.50; £2.00, £1.70. DF: £4.60. CSF: £12.09.

3.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, KADI (R Dunwoody, 11-10 fav); 2, Aramel (T Kent, 6-4); 3, Admirals Secret (J McLaughlin, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Alcoy (6th), 20 Shambo (4th), 50 Big Chance (pu), 66 Priory Piper (pu), Roger Rabbit (6th). 8 ran. 1l, 15l, 2l, dist, 2½l. D Nicholson at Temple Gutting. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.30, £2.70. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.21.

3.30 (2m 110yd ch) 1, BRIGGS BUILDERS (M Hourigan, 5-2); 2, Montalino (A Tory, 20-1); 3, Little Tom (J Osborne, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 8-4 fav Private Audition (4th), 9-2 Dr Rocket (ur), 7 They All Forgot Me (6th). 6 ran. 12l, 34l, 31l, 30l. M Muggeridge at Fyfield. Tote: £3.60; £1.70, £5.80. DF: £22.30. CSF: £34.09.

4.00 (3m ch) 1, DO BE BRIEF (M Pitman, 5-2); 2, No Grandad (Mr T Byrne, 15-8 fav); 3, John O'Dee (A Maguire, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Mossy Fern (ur). 4 ran. 1½l, 30l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.30. DF: £3.40. CSF: £7.51.

4.30 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, DENNINGTON (A Maguire, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Mr Invader (C Llewellyn, 4-1); 3, Oh So Windy (Mr N Bradley, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-fav Joker Jack (5th), 9-2 Carrigean Lad (pu), 12 Wallstrano (6th), Pede Gale, 33 Seminole Princess (pu), The Link Man (4th), 50 Lizzies Lass (pu). 10 ran. NR: Kytton Castle. 1¼l, 7l, hd, 2l, 7l. F Murphy at Woodbridge. Tote: £4.10; £1.30, £1.90, £1.90. DF: £11.10. CSF: £15.39. Tricast: £81.56.

Placepot: £85.90.

Sedgefield

Going: good to firm

2.10 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Touch 'N' Pass (P Harley, 8-1); 2, Rhoman Coin (5-1); 3, Crazy Horse Dancer (15-8 fav). 13 ran. NR: Persian Valley, Invite D'Honneur, Royal Invader. Nk, 8l. R O'Leary. Tote: £7.20; £1.80, £2.90, £1.50. DF: £21.70. CSF: £45.50. Tricast: £96.43. No bid.

2.40 (3m 3f ch) 1, Polar Region (M Dwyer, 4-7 fav); 2, Over The Stream (14-1); 3, Spy Hill (14-1). 7 ran. 12l, 8l. J Fitzgerald. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £2.40. DF: £5.60. CSF: £9.49.

3.10 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Seraphim (M Dwyer, 2-9 fav); 2, Suri Boat (6-2); 3, Cyril Henry (10-1). 4 ran. 12l, 4l. T Barron. Tote: £1.20. DF: £1.40. CSF: £1.76.

3.40 FOR RESULT SEE ABOVE.

4.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, Brave Defender (N Williamson, 5-2); 2, On The Hooch (7-1); 3, Poetic Gem (7-1). Bonanza 15-8 fav. 6 ran. 31½l, 6l. J White. Tote: £3.10; £1.40, £1.80. DF: £9.50. CSF: £17.17.

4.40 (2m 1f 110yd) 1, Reisesmillion (N Bentley, 5-1); 2, De Jordaan (5-2); 3, Serona Smith (5-1). Secret Cassie 11-8 fav. 6 ran. NR: Thyne Run 4l, 7l. G Moore. Tote: £5.80; £1.70, £1.90. DF: £7.10. CSF: £16.26.

Placepot: £81.30.

Lingfield Park

Going: good (chase course); standard (all-weather)

1.50 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Sparkler Gebe (D O'Sullivan, 2-1 fav); 2, Royal Circus (3-1); 3, Frosty Reception (11-2). 6 ran. ¾l, ¾l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £3.10; £1.90, £2.80. DF: £4.90. CSF: £8.03.

2.20 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Lark Rise (Peter Hobbs, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, West Bay (3-1 jt-fav); 3, The Prussian (6-2). Henley Regatta 3-1 jt-fav. 6 ran. ¾l, 10l. C Weedon. Tote: £6.70; £1.70, £2.10. DF: £8.00. CSF: £11.14.

2.50 (3m ch) 1, Rathmore (J Kavanagh, 4-1); 2, Waldorf T Beagle (20-1); 3, Victory Gate (16-1). Switch 8-13 fav. 6 ran. NR: Sheer Ability. 31½l, 30l. N Gaselee. Tote: £6.30; £1.40, £11.70. DF: £90.10. CSF: £51.14.

3.20 (2m 5st) 1, Early Drinker (J McCarthy, 11-4); 2, Master Bavard (20-1); 3, Harry The Cab (8-13 fav). 5 ran. ¾l, 8l. O Sherwood. Tote: £3.60; £3.00, £1.20. DF: £48.20. CSF: £31.99. After stewards' enquiry result stood.

3.50 (2m hdle) 1, Comanesi (W Humphreys, 25-1); 2, Safety (5-6 fav); 3, Candle Grip (20-1). 9 ran. 3½l, 12l. R Jukes. Tote: £41.00; £10.30, £1.10, £8.90. DF: £87.50. CSF: £46.85.

4.20 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Keen Vision (Peter Hobbs, 4-6 fav); 2, Whippers Delight (4-1); 3, Alreal (5-1). 5 ran. NR: Donosti. 8l, 23l. D Arbuthnot. Tote: £1.30; £1.40, £1.60. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.77.

4.50 (2m hdle) 1, Lake Dominion (D Skyrme, 14-1); 2, Frankus (16-1); 3, Simply George (11-10 fav). 7 ran. 25l, 6l. P Harris. Tote: £22.00; £1.90, £4.20. DF: £50.20. CSF: £156.63.

Placepot: £377.40.



Peter Hobbs: rode double at Lingfield yesterday

DONCASTER

THUNDERER

2.15 High Plateau. 2.45 Hallo Mam. 3.20 Space Fair. 3.50 Royal Approval. 4.20 Avro Anson. 4.50 Kushbaloo. 5.20 River Lossie.

Brian Beel: 3.50 Royal Approval.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.15 TICKHILL NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,025: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

1	0421	WISHING GATE 20 (S) M Hammond 5-11-6	C Grant		
2	5	HIGH PLATEAU 30 G Sherwood 5-11-0	A S Smith		
3		JAWANI 261F J Scargill 5-11-0	P Niven		
4	00	LA FONTAINBLEAU 25 D Brown 5-11-0	Mr A Robert		
5	FP	MASTER D DEE 30 H Collingridge 5-11-0	V Smith		
6	02U	TOM TOWLEY 7 A Smith 7-11-0	G McCourt		
7	204	LEMTHALL FOX 124 (S) J Hanshaw 7-10-9	A Maguire		
8	0234-	MERRY MASSIE 275 D Brereton 5-10-9	J Driscoll (7)		
9	0F-P	SOPHIM 22 Mrs A Tomkinson 5-10-9	T Reed		
10	25U4	TEA-LADY 16 Mrs A King 5-10-9	M Bosley		

7-4 Wishing Gate, 2-1 High Plateau, 5-1 Jawani, 8-1 Lemthall Fox, 14-1 Merry Maggie, Tea-Lady, 16-1 others.

2.45 THORNE CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,840: 2m 110yd) (6)

1	5091	FAMILY LINE 4 (D,G,S) Miss L Perratt 5-11-8	L O'Hara		
2	0-14	LARA'S BABY 12F (BF,G) N Tinkler 5-11-3	G McCourt		
3	0020	REZA 21 J Eyre 5-11-2	A Mulholland		
4	0433	CHARLYCIA 11 T Carr 5-11-8	A Orkney		
5	400	HALLO MAM 43 O Brennan 5-10-9	J Driscoll (7)		
6	P	TEN HIGH 11 J Dooler 4-10-6	A Maguire		

5-4 Family Line, 5-2 Lara's Baby, 5-1 Hallo Mam, 8-1 Charlycia, 10-1 Reza, 33-1 Ten High.

3.20 HMS ANDROMEDA HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,806: 2m 3f 110yd) (4)

1	1-11	CLEVER FOLLY 193 (F,G,S) G Richards 13-12-0	N Doughty		
2	R32	SPACE FAIR 25 (F,G,S) R Lee 10-11-13	A Maguire		
3	-218	CASTLE KING 53 (CD,BF,F,S) P Cheesbrough 8-10-6	C Grant		
4	6-66	EDDIES WELL 15 (F,S) Miss Z Green 10-10-0	Mr T Morrison		

5-4 Space Fair, 7-4 Clever Folly, 11-4 Castle King, 25-1 Eddies Well.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Sherwood, 7 winners from 19 runners, 36.8%; R Lee, 6 from 18, 33.3%; M W Easterby, 5 from 17, 29.4%; G Richards, 3 from 13, 23.1%; N Tinkler, 5 from 28, 17.2%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 7 from 47, 14.9%.
JOCKEYS: P Niven, 13 winners from 41 rides, 31.7%; G McCourt, 10 from 37, 27.0%; N Doughty, 3 from 16, 18.8%; C Hawkins, 3 from 27, 11.1%; D Byrne, 4 from 38, 10.5%. (Only qualifiers).

3.50 TALLY HO MAIDEN HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,252: 3m) (12)

1		FEDNEYHILL Miss C Saunders 9-12-9	A Sansome (7)		
2	3333	IVEAGH LAD 128 Miss J Stanley 7-12-3	N Tutty (5)		
3	4PP-	JUMP 322 F Kirby 8-12-3	J Beardsall (7)		
4	0-44	LASTOFTHEVIKINGS 11 Miss U McSuinness 8-12-3	J Townson (7)		
5	65U/	LINEBACKER 1222 D Smith 9-12-3	N Smith (7)		
6	P040/	MR BRISKET 1188 Mrs C Hird 11-12-3	Miss S Sherratt (7)		
7	/60P/U	PLAN OF ATTACK 4 M Sams 9-12-3	L Heale (7)		
8	/334	RHU NA HAVEN 12 R Alston 9-12-3	C Barlow (7)		
9	PPr	ROYAL APPROVAL 670 Miles D Stanhope 10-12-3	Miles D Stanhope (7)		
10	0P-0	WARRIOR'S PROMISE 5 D Williams 8-12-3	C Hancock (7)		
11	4550	DOLITINO 130 Miss Z Green 9-11-12	T Morrison (7)		
12		CHARLIE MCCARTHY M McCarthy 5-11-7	C Mulhall (7)		

2-1 Royal Approval, 4-1 Fednehyll, 5-1 Lastofthevikings, 7-1 Dolitino, 8-1 Iveagh Lad, 10-1 Rhu Na Haven, 12-1 Plan Of Attack, 16-1 others.

4.20 DONCASTER HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,924: 2m 110yd) (7)

1	0520	QUALITAIR SOUND 11 (CD,F,G,S) J Bottomley 5-12-0	J Quinn		
2	-113	AVRO ANSON 32 (D,F,S) M Camacho 5-12-0	D Byrne		
3	1030	SEON 11 (D,F,S,S) W Storey 7-11-2	N Bentley (3)		
4	-2P0	SAFFRAAH 53 (D,G) W Muir 6-10-9	G McCourt		
5	1112	SIMONE'S SON 130 (B,D,F,G) G Barnett 5-10-5	Gee Armytage		
6	-320	GOOD FOR A LOAN 8 (D,F) R Lee 5-10-9 (4ex)	A Maguire		
7	5030	DEMOKOS 11 (D,F) A Schlager 8-10-0	B Storey		

5-2 Avro Anson, 3-1 Qualitair Sound, 7-2 Good For A Loan, 6-1 Simone's Son, 8-1 Seon, 10-1 Saffraah, 20-1 Demokos.

4.50 AUCKLAND HILL NOVICES CHASE
(£3,012: 3m) (3)

1	1121	KUSHBALOO 12 (G) C Parker 8-11-12	B Storey		
2	P44P	JIMMY O'DEA 14 (B) T Bill 6-11-4	C Hawkins		
3	6P-P	PRECIOUS MEMORIES 25 (G) M Naughton 8-11-4	C Dennis (3)		

1-3 Kushbaloo, 4-1 Precious Memories, 6-1 Jimmy O'Dea.

5.20 FINNINGLEY NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,574: 2m 110yd) (18)

1	4	ARCTIC RED 47 D Nicholson 5-11-10	R Massey (7)		
2		CUNNINGHAMS FORD O Sherwood 5-11-10	Mr A Harvey (7)		
3		DYNAMITE DAN Mrs H Bell 5-11-10	C Dennis (3)		
4		EMPEROR BUCK 15 D Nicholson 5-11-10	W Marston (5)		
5	5	JUST WOODY 41 B Temple 5-11-10	G Tormey (7)		
6		KELLY THE BUCK J Wharton 5-11-10	B Dalton (7)		
7		SAINS DE FLEUR M Axson 6-11-10	L Mellaney (7)		
8	0	PYEWACKET 41 N Tinkler 5-11-5	Mr R Tinkler (7)		
9	1	MURPHYS WAY 12 (S) J Eyre 4-11-4	M Whelan (7)		
10	0	AUBURN CASTLE 25 M W Easterby 4-11-2	Mr S Swiers (7)		
11	0	FAMBRIDGE 35 D Nicholson 4-11-2	Miss L Gibbon (7)		

Tottenham consider challenge to FA over Barmby

BY JOHN GOODBODY

TOTTENHAM Hotspur may today withdraw Nick Barmby, their 19-year-old forward, from the England squad selected for the world youth championship, even though the club would be risking a fine from the Football Association and a possible ban from the FA Cup.

Barmby is one of 18 league players named in the squad for the tournament in Australia from March 5 to 20, but Tottenham want him for their FA Cup sixth-round tie against Manchester City at Maine Road on March 7.

Terry Venables, the Tottenham chief executive, said yesterday: "I cannot see the wisdom of their decision. It has put Tottenham in a very difficult position."

Venables, who himself was capped by England at every level, said that Tottenham had offered to fly Barmby to Australia at their own expense if the FA had allowed him to stay for the game against Manchester City.

He said: "We have written to the FA twice, appealing against their decision to include Barmby in their squad. We are out of the championship race and out of the Coca-Cola Cup. The game at Maine Road is the most important of our season and affects the club, our supporters, shareholders and the other players."

Venables pointed out that, although the FA has said that it will get experience in Australia, the first three games are against South Korea, Turkey and the United States.

"Are they suggesting that he will do better playing those games instead of competing against world-class internationals playing for Tottenham against Blackburn, Manchester City and Aston Villa?" he asked.

The FA stressed yesterday that it had warned clubs last August who was in the provisional squad of 28 players and that it had restricted its selection to one player-per-club.

Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, declined to discuss any punishment if the player was not released. However, a fine would be certain. "You can rest assured the FA will employ every means at its disposal to ensure its principles are observed and rules are upheld," Kelly said.

Tottenham's position is not unique. Ian Selley, of Arsenal, Chris Bart-Williams, of Sheffield Wednesday, and Andy Myers, of Chelsea, are all among those in first-team squads of Premier League clubs and have been named in the party for Australia.

The FA has received several applications to release players, but has insisted on following the policy agreed by the clubs when the Premier League was established to support English international football.

Graham Taylor, the England team manager who sits on the technical committee of Fifa, the game's world governing body, said: "The attitude from other countries at the last meeting was that they wondered whether England would be sending the team that qualified or a weaker one. Our standing within Fifa is not high because of what has happened in the past and I found the situation very embarrassing."

Pele's beautiful game ravaged by time

David Miller, in the first of two articles, considers why football in Brazil has entered terminal decline



Simply the best: Pelé in his pomp epitomised the magic that separated Brazilian football from the rest

To witness Brazil entering Argentina's lions' den last week and controlling the second half against arguably the best team in the world, was to affirm the continuity of the supreme fount of football skills. The fount, appalling to report, is being poisoned.

There has never been, and may never again be, a nation to equal Brazil for its sublime mastery of football. All this was abundantly evident as they held Argentina, the World Cup finalists of 1990 and unbeaten in 21 subsequent matches, to a 1-1 draw in the tumbril of the River Plate stadium when celebrating Argentina's football centenary.

Yet this unsurpassed capacity to generate great players is threatened by the social and financial paralysis that racks Brazil. There is the danger that if the downward spiral into random violence and civic disintegration continues unchecked, the national football supremacy, without parallel over the last 40 years, may perish.

Football, like the rest of Brazilian society, is regularly plundered by gang violence, robbery of spectators going almost unimpeded. Recently, the mob broke into a São Paulo women's basketball event, attacking spectators and players. Football's public is withering.

Carlos Alberto, the right back and captain of their third, and last, much-acclaimed World Cup victory, in 1970, despairs of the future. "Of course Brazil should win the World Cup again," he said. "Of course we should host the World Cup. But how?"

Brazil's will be a sporting catastrophe without precedent. They have given to sport, through football, a combination of joy, fulfilment and uninhibited glory that has transcended nationality, dissolving all chauvinist loyalties. Brazil has epitomised, in success and failure, all that is precious yet ephemeral in the beauty of sport.

Their football has truly been a carnival, but their carnival of life is now, it would seem, almost terminally sick. This view is echoed across the country by those whose job it is, maybe unavailingly, to try to sustain the game.

"Football is going to suffer in the long term," Carlos Parreira, the national team manager, concedes. "It is difficult to see the financial situation recovering in the short term, and without money you can't make good football, domestically. I can't see the situation improving, though it can hardly get worse."

What is reassuring is that Brazil still produces a flood of young players, but it is unbelievable how they continue to emerge. At no time since 1970 have they such a chance to succeed as next year in the United States. It is no exaggeration to say that football, ironically, has never more needed another Brazilian triumph, in order to reassert, world-wide, the purist values in the game, to redirect it away from the expedient and functional.

In the wake of the decay of society has come the decline of the former famous clubs, Botafogo and Flamengo, of Rio, and Santos, from the south; the decay, too, of famous stadiums, most notably the 160,000-capacity Maracana, built for the final of 1950; the shrinking of crowds, of sponsors and, inevitably, of wages.

No Brazilian club can now afford to keep even one of the nation's best players, who flee to Europe often even before they have reached first-team level; unscrupulous agents cull the playground nurseries. Last season, there were 77 Brazilian first division players in Europe; nearly 300 have left in the last ten years.

Rai, the younger brother of Socrates, the former World Cup player, and Bebeto are two of the players on whom Parreira will depend for victory next summer. Bebeto this season left Vasco de Gama, of Rio, to join his colleague, Mauro Silva, at unheralded Deportivo La Coruña, in Spain, for a modest $2 million transfer fee. Rai, predictably, is leaving São Paulo, the world club champions, for Paris Saint-Germain, a club that can teach him nothing about football.

Telé Santana, São Paulo's manager who was national manager for the 1982 and 1986 World Cup finals, is resigned to losing his players to Europe. "It's a shame, but I can only recommend them to go," he says. São Paulo, who own their own stadium — most others are civic-owned — draw crowds of more than 100,000, once regular for club matches. The Flamengo v Fluminense match in Rio recently had fewer than 4,000.

The violence has been disaffecting and endemic. When I spoke to Ademar Goncalves, the superintendent of the now bleak Maracana, about plans for redevelopment — the giant stadium's roof is collapsing, the bare terraces require seating and the press and reception facilities are out of date — he misunderstood the translation of my question. "We hope to reduce the violence," he said. Thieves run amok at matches, just as they do all week on the buses, the trains and the beaches.

João Havelange, the Brazilian president of Fifa, the international governing body, remains diplomatic. "The World Cup will be good for the country, but the stadiums need renewal," he says. "They are old and not in condition. My preference for 2002," — France is nominated for 1998 — "is Asia, an important area for football, very strong and very rich with the sponsors we need."

Carlos Alberto is forlorn. After concluding his playing career with Cosmos, in New York, he became manager of Flamengo, led them to become national champions in 1983, then won the Rio championship with Fluminense the next year, subsequently moving to Corinthinians, in São Paulo. When Santana was retained as national manager in preference to him for the World Cup in 1986, Carlos Alberto quit the game to go into private business.

It is, he says, a vicious circle: "The players leave for Europe, the crowds stop coming. The biggest disadvantage is the loss of example and incentive for the young players from watching the established international players in the domestic game."

Tomorrow, there is a meeting at Fifa headquarters in Zurich of the league presidents of Germany, Belgium, Italy, France, Tunisia and Brazil, to discuss the co-ordination of the international calendar; hoping somehow to protect both the interest of clubs, who pay the wages of players, and of countries, who need those players for the qualifying stages and finals of the World Cup — a dilemma stretching back 20 years or more.

With inflation running at four per cent a week, Brazilian clubs have no chance of retaining players. Admission prices are a relatively trifling £1 for standing, £2 for a modest seat, £10 for the best. Even with prominent first division clubs, young players arrive independently for training by public bus; if they arrive at all. While a tiny handful of players, such as the veterans, Cerezo, of São Paulo, or Renato, of Flamengo, own their contracts and command fees of £60,000 per month — which the clubs can barely pay — much of the game lives in the proletarian past of English football in the Thirties.

The league structure only serves to make things worse. The regional states cling doggedly to their separate identity and independent leagues — Rio and São Paulo being the dominant pair — which produce competitions habitually dominated by a couple of clubs. These then subsequently play in the national league, involving lengthy travel: so that, together with the Libertadores Cup, the equivalent of the European Cup, the top players are burned out by 80 or more matches per season. The prospects for Brazilian football are grim indeed.

TOMORROW

The players and 1994 World Cup prospects

Trinity Hall aiming for third victory in a row

BY A CORRESPONDENT

TRINITY Hall look to be heading for a hat-trick at the top of the Cambridge University Lent rowing races, while Oriel seem destined to retain their headship in the Oxford University Torpids. Both events start today.

Trinity Hall, buoyed up by a win at Norwich Head this term, appear to have the strength to hold on to pole position. The top three may stay where they are as second-placed Jesus appear to have found extra speed but Downing, in third place, are being tipped to cause an upset.

After a reduction last year when the Proctors insisted on a late start, the Oxford Torpids have suffered even more drastic cutting, with all the rowing-on divisions falling victim to flood conditions.

The yellow flag, restricting river use to first eights, has flown from Oriel boathouse for two terms, except for two considerable periods either side of Christmas when a red alert closed the Isis altogether. With the better crews having had to trail all over England in search of rowable reaches, form is unpredictable.

Oriel, however, look outstanding, and should retain their headship with ease, while at the top of the women's first division, Somerville, New College, Wadham and Osler House are more or less evenly matched, suggesting Somerville's dominance is also unlikely to be challenged.

STARTING ORDER

CAMBRIDGE

Men

FIRST DIVISION: Trinity Hall, Jesus, Downing, Pembroke, Caius, 1st and 3rd Trinity, LMBC, Emmanuel, Churchill, Queens', Magdalene, Selwyn, Clare, Christ's, St Catharine's, Fitzwilliam.

SECOND DIVISION: Robinson, Jesus II, LMBC II, 1st and 3rd Trinity II, Downing II, Peterhouse, Caius II, Girton, Pembroke II, Corpus Christi, Sidney Sussex, King's, Trinity Hall II, Selwyn II, Clare II, Jesus III.

THIRD DIVISION: Magdalene II, Queens' II, LMBC III, Emmanuel II, Peterhouse II, Fitzwilliam II, Churchill II, Clare III, Girton II, Christ's II, Corpus Christi II, Veterinary School, Churchill III, 1st and 3rd Trinity III, Darwin, Magdalene III.

FOURTH DIVISION: LMBC IV, St Catharine's II, Trinity Hall III, LMBC V, Addenbrooke's, Queens' III, Wolfson, Selwyn III, CCAT, King's II, Robinson II, Caius III, Christ's III, Downing III, Hughes Hall, Homerton.

FIFTH DIVISION: Sidney Sussex II, Pembroke III, St Edmunds Hall, Corpus Christi III, Theological Colleges, Queens' IV, Jesus IV, Emmanuel III, St Catharine's III, Magdalene IV, Girton III, Clare IV, Trinity Hall IV, Sidney Sussex III, CCAT II, Downing IV, LMBC V, St Catharine's IV.

Women

FIRST DIVISION: LMBC, Emmanuel, Newnham, Jesus, Queens', Caius, Clare, Trinity Hall, Selwyn, New Hall, Churchill, Downing, St Catharine's, Robinson, Sidney Sussex, Girton, Pembroke.

SECOND DIVISION: Christ's, 1st and 3rd Trinity, Homerton, Corpus Christi, Jesus II, Magdalene, Fitzwilliam, LMBC II, CMABC, Newnham II, Clare II, CCAT, Peterhouse, Emmanuel II, Selwyn II, New Hall II, Girton II.

THIRD DIVISION: Addenbrooke's, Sidney Sussex II, Churchill II, Wolfson, Hughes Hall, Darwin, LMBC III, St Catharine's II, Caius II, Queens' II, Corpus Christi II, Homerton II, Christ's II, Trinity Hall II, Pembroke II, Jesus III, Caius III, Jesus IV.

OXFORD

Men

FIRST DIVISION: Oriel, Brasenose, Christ Church, Pembroke, New College, University, Magdalen, Oriel II, Balliol, Worcester, Lady Margaret Hall, Hertford.

SECOND DIVISION: St Catherine's, St Edmund Hall, Keble, Lincoln, Wadham, Wolfson, St John's, St Peter's, Queen's, Exeter, Jesus, Trinity.

THIRD DIVISION: Christ Church II, University II, Osler House, St Hugh's, St Anne's, Merton, New College II, Oriel III, Balliol II, Brasenose II, Corpus Christi, Worcester II.

FOURTH DIVISION: St Catherine's II, Mansfield, Pembroke II, Lincoln II, St Edmund Hall II, Linacre, St John's II, Exeter II, Keble II, Lady Margaret Hall II, Queen's II, Hertford II.

FIFTH DIVISION: Wadham II, Worcester III, Magdalen II, Regent's Park, Oriel IV, Jesus II, Oriel V, St Peter's II, Queen's III, St John's III, Keble III, St Anne's II, St Benet's Hall.

Women

FIRST DIVISION: Somerville, New College, Wadham, Osler House, Wolfson, University, St Catherine's, Pembroke, St Hilda's, Lady Margaret Hall, Brasenose, Worcester.

SECOND DIVISION: St Anne's, Christ Church, Trinity, Keble, Oriel, St John's, Hertford, Balliol, St Hugh's, Exeter, Jesus, Somerville II.

THIRD DIVISION: St Edmund Hall, Lincoln, Linacre, Merton, Queen's, Magdalen, St Peter's, New College II, Oriel II, Osler House II, Pembroke II, Wadham II, Exeter II.

FOOTBALL: LEEDS HOPE FOR FIRST AWAY PREMIER LEAGUE VICTORY OF SEASON AT HIGHBURY TONIGHT

Chapman aims to prove point

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

WILL Leeds United secure their first Premier League away win of the season tonight at Highbury? Some are starting to wonder if Leeds will see out the season without a victory on their travels, but others remain optimistic that the duck will be broken against Arsenal.

Lee Chapman had an unhappy time at Highbury earlier in his career and the Leeds centre forward hopes to recover from a bruised thigh in time to prove a point to the north London crowd.

Should Chapman fail a fitness test, Strandli, the Norwegian international, will deputise, while Strachan, now 36, could return to the midfield and Fairclough and Wetherall to defence, where Bowman, 17, is omitted.

Leeds, who could do with three points to allay nagging relegation worries, will hope Arsenal's thoughts are distracted by their continued involvement in the FA and Coca-Cola Cups.

If Leeds lose, their fears about dropping to the first division would be multiplied by a win for Nottingham Forest at home to Queens Park Rangers. No longer bottom, Brian Clough's side is showing signs — last Saturday's win at Middlesbrough among them — that it might be poised to pull clear of the demotion zone. Three points tonight would lift Forest out of the bottom three for the first time this season.

However, Rangers have lost just one of their last eight league games and stand fifth in the Premier League. A win tonight would put them fourth, nine points adrift of Aston Villa, the leaders. Madix has recovered from a virus and seems set to reclaim his defensive place at Ready's expense, but Clough will be heartened by the news that McDonald, White, Penrice, Wilkins and Holloway will all be absent.

Forest, though, are not without their problems and must make do without Pearce, Webb — who seems likely to miss the remainder of the season after undergoing an Achilles tendon operation — and Laws. That means Keane, their £5 million-rated midfield player continuing as a makeshift central defender, Chettle staying as an emergency left back and Stone, who scored the winner against Middlesbrough, starting a home game for the first time.

In the first division, Newcastle United can extend their lead over West Ham United to seven points by beating Malcolm Allison's struggling Bristol Rovers at St James's Park, while Arthur Cox could do with a home win from his Derby County side against Leicester City in this evening's East Midlands derby.

Despite being in the final of the Anglo-Italian Cup, the quarter-finals of the FA Cup and boasting a good first division away record, Derby, who have spent £10 million on new players in the past year, have lost ten home league games this season, the play-offs are looking increasingly elusive and Cox's job is in jeopardy.

Holland look to narrow gap

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

HOLLAND go into their World Cup qualifying game against Turkey tonight looking for a convincing win to help them make up ground on England and Norway.

The Dutch got off to a poor start in group two, losing in Norway and drawing 2-2 at home with Poland, but beat Turkey 3-1 at Istanbul in December.

Marco van Basten is still recovering from an ankle operation and will miss the game, which has been switched from Rotterdam to Utrecht because of fears of racial violence. In van Basten's absence, Holland will look to Dennis Bergkamp, who has agreed to join Internazionale, to lead their attack.

Dick Advocaat, the Dutch coach, may use Peter Van Voseen, who plays for Beveren, and Eric Viscaal, of La Gantoise, another Belgian club, up front alongside Bergkamp. Viscaal has been called up to replace Wim Kieft, who is injured.

Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard, of AC Milan, and Wim Jonk, the Ajax midfield player who will join Bergkamp at Internazionale, should be sufficiently creative for Holland to think about surpassing England's 4-0 defeat of Turkey at Wembley in November.

Italy will also be hoping to put a bad start behind them in Portugal. The Italians, who share second place with Scotland in group one on four points, three behind Switzerland, have a game in hand on both sides, but need nothing less than a victory today.

So far they have laboured to draw with Switzerland and Scotland, and beaten Malta by a single goal. The result from Portugal will be awaited with almost as much interest in the United States as in Italy, for the organisers of the 1994 World Cup are counting on strong support from the 20 million Italian-Americans to help make the tournament a success.

Pietro Verchowod, 34, the Sampdoria defender, replaces Franco Baresi, the suspended Italian captain. Roberto Baggio, who is recovering from a thigh strain, plays alongside his Juventus teammate, Pier-Luigi Casiraghi, in attack. Gianluca Vialli, also of Juventus, has been dropped.

Giuseppe Signori, the Lazio forward whose 17 goals make him the leading scorer in the Italian league, will play just behind Baggio and Casiraghi.

Portugal, fourth in the group, have called up Paolo Futre and Gil Rui Barros, the Monaco striker.



Bergkamp: leads attack

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Premier League

Arsenal v Leeds (7.45)
Nottm Forest v QPR

Barclays League

First division

Derby v Leicester (7.45)
Newcastle v Bristol Rovers (7.45)

Scottish League

Premier division

Aberdeen v Dundee Utd

Vauxhall FA Trophy

Third round replays

Boston v Telford
Gateshead v Grays
Warrington v Merthyr

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Chesham v Aylesbury. First division: Abingdon Town v Uxbridge. League Cup: Molesey v Hayes.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Evesham v Nuneaton Borough; Hinckley v Tamworth; Newport AFC v Rushden and Diamonds; Sutton Coldfield v Gresley. Southern division: Burnham v Poole.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Buxton. First division: Alfreton v Eastwood Town.

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round: Abergavenny v Inter Cardiff.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Aston Villa (7.0); Blackburn v Sheffield Wed (7.0); Manchester City v Rotherham (6.45); Sunderland v Manchester United (7.0). Second division: Blackpool v Burnley (7.0); Huddersfield v York; Middlesbrough v Port Vale (7.0); Scunthorpe v Wigan (7.0); West Bromwich v Preston (7.0), Coventry v Grimsby (7.0). Postponed: Derby v Everton.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Fulham v Norwich (2.0); Southampton v Millwall; Swindon v Ipswich (2.0); Tottenham v Oxford United (2.0). Postponed: Arsenal v Bristol City. Second division: Cheltenham v Exeter; Plymouth v Swansea; Torquay v Bristol Rovers; Yeovil v Cardiff (7.45).

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Denaby v Belper; Eccleshill v Spennymoor.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chatteris v Haverhill; Histon v Tiptree.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Associate Members Cup: Second round: Newbury v Malden Vale. First round: Bromley v Maidenhead.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevedon v Elmore; Frome v Westbury. First division: Calne v Melksham; Radstock v Welton.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Chadderton v Bradford Park Avenue; Clitheroe v Salford City; Glossop North End v Maine Road (Man); Penrith v Flixton.

RUGBY UNION

Tour match

Blackheath v Regatas (Arg) (7.45)

Club matches

Metropolitan Police v Royal Navy (2.30)
Cambridge Univ v Penguins (7.15)
Oxford Univ v Anti-Assassins (3.0)

COMMERCIAL UNION UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Durham v Edinburgh; Aberdeen v Loughborough; Charing Cross v Bristol; West London v Cardiff Institute (all 2.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter championship

Second division

Rochdale v London Crusaders (7.30)

POSTPONED: First division: Halifax v Hull.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: British and Commonwealth lightweight championship: Billy Schwer (Luton) v Paul Burke (Preston) (Wembley).

BOWLS: World indoor singles and pairs championships (Guild Hall, Preston).

RUGBY LEAGUE: NatWest Student Cup: Final: Salford University v Cardiff Institute (at Sheffield, 7.30)

SNOOKER: Wickes DIY British Open (Derby).

TENNIS: LTA indoor satellite tournament (Telford).

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (86163) **7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (83023569)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (3351714) **9.45 Ross King**. Game show (s) (6086960)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (9668328) **10.05 Playdays**. For the very young (6482298)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (10689637)
12.15 Pebble Mill introduced by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (7353163) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (98145434)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (39182)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (87665892) **1.50 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (78621279)
2.20 Hawaii Five-O. A petty criminal tries to help a mainland syndicate gain a foothold on the island by eliminating the opposition (r) (8339569) **3.10 Primetime**. Last in the series for the older viewer, presented by Roy Castle and Maggi Philbin (s) (5606328) **3.40 Lifeline** Anita Dobson with an appeal on behalf of the Rainbow Trust Children's Charity (r) (8607569)
3.50 The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends. Country tales for young viewers (s) (3086616) **3.55 Bitsa**. Ideas for turning household junk into something useful (8495182) **4.10 Jackanory**. Tony Robinson with his own story, *Skulduggery* (r) (1799328) **4.25 Quick Draw McGraw** (r) (2321144) **4.35 The Animals of Farthing Wood** Episode eight of the 13-part animated drama. (Ceefax) (s) (3851637)
5.00 Newsround (2419637) **5.05 Century Falls**. Episode two of the six-part children's drama (8603927)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (483705). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Jennie Bond. (Ceefax) Weather (279)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (231). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado (Ceefax) (s) (9250)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes a report on the controversy surrounding the Yellowstone Park authorities' plan to reintroduce the grey wolf, a protected species, into the wild. Plus news of a new aircraft noise monitoring system. (Ceefax) (s) (415)
8.00 The Detectives Comedy series starring Jasper Carrott and Robert Powell This week: they are in Jersey where they meet Jim Bergerac and Charlie Hungerford. (Ceefax) (s) (5298)
8.30 Victoria Wood: Val De Ree. Victoria and her friend Jackie (Celia Imrie) are on a walking holiday in the Yorkshire Dales and the weather begins to turn ugly (r). (Ceefax) (4705)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (2569)



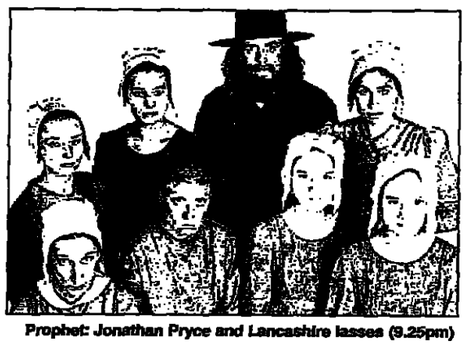
Wedding day march to fame: Charles and Diana (9.30pm)

9.30 Clive James — Fame in the Twentieth Century. The final programme of the series features those who have achieved fame since the 1980s. (Ceefax) (185811)
10.20 Sportsnight presented by Desmond Lynam. Football: a round-up of the latest Premier league action; Boxing: the British and Commonwealth lightweight championship bout between the holder, Billy Schwer, and Paul Burke; Motor Racing: a profile of Damon Hill (3331366)
11.45 Weather (955502). Ends at **11.50**
2.15am BBC Select: Accountancy Television. Scrambled (489854) **3.15-3.45 Legal Network.** Scrambled (66545) **4.00-4.50 TV Edits.** France Panorama 9: scrambled (1514201)

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BBC2

6.45 Open University: An introduction to Economics (4137540) **7.10** Frederick the Great (2718498) **7.35** Writing and Unwriting Testimony (4474960)
8.00 Breakfast News (5099892) **8.15 Westminster** (2328144)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes including, for children, **1.20 Green Claws** (90233927) **1.35 Dilly the Dinosaur** (90130144)
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (51376347) **2.15 Canvas**. Michael Kitson talks about Claude Lorrain's *Landscape near Rome with a View of the Ponte Molle* which hangs at the Birmingham City Art Gallery (r) (51388182) **2.35 Country File**. John Craven explores rural issues (r) (2621908)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7720502) followed by **World Bowls**. The Midland Bank Indoor championships (s) Includes **News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (54837076)
5.10 Horizon: The Pyramid Builders. How did the ancient Egyptians build the pyramids? (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1934076)
6.00 Star Trek. Classic science fiction adventures starring William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy (860182)
6.50 DEF II: Reportage. An investigation into how easy it is to become trapped into a web of deceit (s) (529618)
7.30 Nature Special: Oil on Troubled Waters. This first of a series of five programmes Reports from the Shetlands and the English Channel on the risks to Britain's coastline from oil spillage. (Ceefax) (273328)
8.10 Timewatch: The Secret File of J. Edgar Hoover.
● CHOICE: We knew he was a monster but not as big a monster as this. J. Edgar Hoover ran the FBI for nearly 50 years. In the thirties he became a national hero for cleaning up gangsters such as John Dillinger and Bonnie and Clyde. The Mafia was a different and more serious matter. Up to the late fifties, despite abundant evidence, Hoover insisted that the Mob did not exist. Taking its cue from a new book by Anthony Summers, the film says the Mafia had good reason to feel safe. It had found out about Hoover's homosexuality and was blackmailing him. Hoover was himself a blackmailer. His victims included President Kennedy, whose womanising had been monitored by the FBI. Yet Hoover died with his reputation intact and he is still the only United States civil servant to have been given a state funeral. (Ceefax) (710569)
9.00 M*A*S*H. Following Frank's continued complaining to HQ, a captain is sent to the 4077th to investigate his allegations (r) (606076)



Prophet: Jonathan Pryce and Lancashire lasses (9.25pm)

9.25 Mr Wroe's Virgins.
● CHOICE: Mr Wroe, played by a bewhiskered Jonathan Pryce, is the prophet of a religious sect in 19th-century Lancashire. He was a real person but this is drama, adapted by Jane Rogers from her novel. Mr Wroe receives a message from God telling him to enlist seven virgins to cook, clean and otherwise look after him. But one of his recruits, Leah (Minnie Driver), turns out not to be a virgin and has a baby to prove it. Moreover, she enters the prophet's house bent on seducing him. It seems, however, that Mr Wroe may not be as innocent as he seems. The story is told in four episodes, from different points of view. This is Leah's version. The ambiguities help to hold the attention, though Pryce's muted performance hardly suggests the prophet's charisma and the production is not helped by its murky photography. (Ceefax) (s) (7135927)
10.30 Newsnight. Includes the second of two reports from John Simpson in Cuba (192521)
11.15 The Late Show. Includes discussions on *Mr Wroe's Virgins* and the re-discovery of Fifties action painter William Green (s) (252637)
11.55 Weather (977724)
12.00 Endgame. Samuel Beckett's play starring Norman Beaton, Stephen Rea, Kate Binchy and Charles Drake (395583). Ends **1.40**
2.00 Nightschool TV. Six *Science Topics* (52583). Ends at **4.00**

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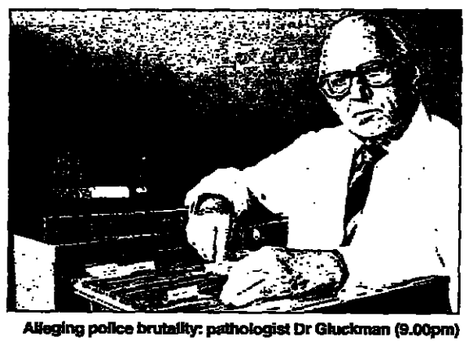
6.00 GMTV presented by Michael Wilson until **7.00** when Eamonn Holmes and Fiona Armstrong take over. The guests include Gareth Hunt, Louise Rix, Coral Atkins and Faith Brown (8008328)
9.25 Jeopardy! Quiz in which Steve Jones provides the answers and the contestants have to supply the questions (9183637) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6468618)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion programme (9768076)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (80237908)
12.10 Allsorts. For the very young (s) (3441273)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Teletext) Weather (1605892) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (80225908)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (871540) **1.45 A Country Practice**. Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (s) (870811)
2.15 The Chrystal Rose Show. A discussion on whether women should grow old gracefully (862892) **2.45 Take The High Road**. Drama serial set in the Highlands (2614618)
3.10 ITN News headlines (7748908) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7747279) **3.20 Blockbusters**. General knowledge quiz for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (5604960)
3.50 Cartoon featuring Daffy Duck (3071786) **3.55 Scooby Doo** (r) (8480250) **4.10 Three Seven Eleven**. Episode two of the ten-part children's drama serial set in a primary school (3009569) **4.40 Fun House**. Slapstick game show (8161182)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8697366)
5.40 Early Evening News with Dermot Murnaghan (Teletext) Weather (189141)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (38892)
7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel with the life story of another worthy (s) (1618)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (811)
8.00 Life. Sue Cook and Michael Hastings present live dramatic stories. Bill Neely reports from a plane over the Gulf of Mexico tracking drug barons as they try to smuggle their wares into the United States and then on to Britain; a profile of former actress Coral Atkins; film of a girl climbing a tall ship's rigging during a hurricane; and a look at the world's biggest venomous spider (s) (8095)
9.00 Film: Rocky IV (1985) starring Sylvester Stallone, Dolf Lundgren and Brigitte Nielsen. The pugilistic saga continues with Rocky Balboa doing what a man has to do to avenge the death of a friend — defend his heavyweight title against a superhuman Russian champion. Directed by Sylvester Stallone. Continues after the news. (Teletext) (s) (8231)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (10908) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (950637)
10.40 Film: Rocky IV continued (471540)
11.20 The Making of C'Mon People. A behind-the-scenes look at the making of Paul McCartney's new video (567076)
11.30 Film: Maria's Lovers (1984) starring Nastassja Kinski and Robert Mitchum. Ponderous romantic drama about a young soldier who returns home from a prisoner-of-war camp and marries his childhood sweetheart only to discover that his experiences have left him impotent. Directed by Andrei Konchalovsky (20095)
1.30am Entertainment UK. Weekly leisure guide (99748)
2.30 The Chrystal Rose Show. As 2.15pm (41816)
3.00 The Little Picture Show. The latest video releases reviewed (r) (12699) **4.00 60 Minutes.** American news magazine (14545)
5.00 Riviera. French soap (57962)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (15293). Ends at **6.00**



Caring for children: former actress Coral Atkins (8.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Sesame Street (r) (9182328)
6.45 Spliff and Hercules. Animation (9050163)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and, this week, Dannii Minogue (29705)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosed by Bill Cosby (s) (97057)
9.30 Schools (507811)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Zeinab Badawi with a round-up of news from both Houses (30291)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guests are the Four Tops (56989) **1.30 Lift Off**. Children's entertainment (27786)
2.00 Film: Black Fury (1935, b/w) starring Paul Muni. Drama about an unschooled coal miner who becomes a union leader, elected to fight strike-breakers and corrupt mine-owners. Directed by Michael Curtiz (342927)
3.40 The Three Stooges in *Sitter Downers* (b/w) (6628845)
4.00 The Pulse. Health care series presented by Emma Freud (r) (540)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (1163724)
5.05 Wednesday Weepie. Paula Yates presents a true-life romantic story (1289637)
5.15 Film: My First Love (1988) starring Bea Arthur and Richard Kiley. A made-for-television romantic comedy about a widowed driving instructor who renews her romance with the man she first dated 35 years before. Directed by Gilbert Cates (94604908)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Shanaz Pakravan. (Teletext) Weather (402502)
7.50 Comment (456750)
8.00 Brookside. Topical soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (8908)
8.30 Food File. Spinner Linford Christie and footballer Ray Wilkins agree that diet is important for people playing sports. Plus reports on safety in the food industry and what happens to food after it has been swallowed. (Teletext) (s) (7415)



Alleging police brutality: pathologist Dr Gluckman (9.00pm)

9.00 Dispatches.
● CHOICE: A punchy report from South Africa alleges widespread torture and murder by the police. The victims are young blacks. They are not political activists but men suspected of common crime. The accuser is Dr Gluckman, a leading South African pathologist. He has conducted hundreds of autopsies after deaths in police custody and his findings often conflict with inquest verdicts. One of these found that a man had hanged himself in prison. Gluckman says the man was already dead, of a brain haemorrhage, and the hanging was a smoke screen. He calls the post mortem a disgrace. Gluckman has sent his files to the government but none of the 200 cases he highlights has been reopened. Hernus Kriel, the South African law and order Minister, dismisses the allegations as "totally unfounded." In the end it depends on who you believe (815618)
9.45 Short and Curlies: A Nice Arrangement. A young Indian bride in London prepares for her wedding (r) (845163)
10.00 The Golden Girls. The first of a two-part story in which Sophia (Estelle Getty) believes she is haunted by a witch's curse. (Teletext) (s) (80750)
10.30 The New Statesman. B'Stard sees a way to line his own pockets as the European parliament prepares to legalise marijuana but he underestimates the power of the Mafia (r) (s) (466618)
11.05 ENG. Fast-moving drama series set in a Canadian television newsroom (s) (336237)
12.05am Moviewatch. Cinemagoers in Birmingham review the latest releases (r) (7365458)
12.35 Film: Izzat (1991). Hindi crime drama about police corruption starring Ram Chandra and Jackie Shroff, directed by Ashok Gaikwad. Subtitled (94619039). Ends at **3.30**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.15am-2.45 Gardening Time (862892) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5604960) **5.10** Blockbusters (8697366) **6.00** Home and Away (882328) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (731231) **11.20** Sex Symbols II (341960) **12.15am** Film: Code Name — Minus One (916090) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5780632) **2.35** 60 Minutes (8645038) **3.30** The New Music (92309) **4.30** Riviera (22632) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (57962)

BORDER
As London except: 2.15pm Gardening Time (862892) **2.45-3.10** Sprockets (2614618) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5604960) **6.00** Lookaround (347) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (927) **11.25** Trials of Rosie O'Neill (9697786) **12.15am** Film: Code Name — Minus One (916090) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5780632) **2.35** 60 Minutes (8645038) **3.30** The New Music (92309) **4.30** Riviera (22632) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (57962)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (871540) **1.45** Home and Away (870811) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (862892) **3.20-3.50** GP (5604960) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8697366) **6.00** Home and Away (882328) **6.25-7.00** Central News (731231) **11.20** Film: Midnight Movie Massacre (156250) **12.35am** The War of the Worlds (4878545) **1.50** Entertainment UK (4616274) **2.50** BPM (5784903) **3.50** Out of Limits (42149670) **4.10** Jobfinder (3018748) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3021670)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (871540) **1.45** Home and Away (870811) **2.15-2.45** Wish You Were Here..? (862892) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5604960) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8697366) **6.00** Home and Away (347) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (927) **11.20** Island Son (341960) **12.15am** Film: Code Name — Minus One (916090) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5780632) **2.35** 60 Minutes (8645038) **3.30** The New Music (92309) **4.30** Riviera (22632) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (57962)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45pm Blockbusters (870811) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (862892) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5604960) **6.00** HTV News (347) **6.30-7.00** Between Two Rivers (927) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (341960) **12.15am** Film: Code Name — Minus One (916090) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5780632) **2.35** 60 Minutes (8645038) **3.30** The New Music (92309) **4.30** Riviera (22632) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (57962)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** The Great Little Trains of Wales

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 Dining In France (862892) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5604960) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (347) **6.30-7.00** Jeopardy! (927) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (57962)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 Wish You Were Here..? (862892) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5604960) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (347) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (927) **11.20** The Equalizer (341960) **12.15am** American Gladiators (3380441) **1.05** Hollywood Report (7239854) **1.35** Videofashion (8834309) **2.05** Kojak (3323651) **3.00** Music Box (12699) **4.00-4.20** Terrorvision (34212038)

ULSTER
As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 Love at First Sight (862892) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (38892) **11.20** The Equalizer (831847) **12.20** Film: Code Name — Minus One (971504) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5780632) **2.35** 60 Minutes (8645038) **3.30** Night Beat (92309) **4.30** Riviera (22632) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (57962)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
8.00am The DJ Kat Show (36967637) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5386589) **9.10** Cartoons (6006347) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (80279) **10.00** Strike it Rich (49095) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (42521) **11.00** Hart to Hart (78808) **12.00** Falcon Crest (63502) **1.00pm** E Street (79724) **1.30** Another World (5167881) **2.15** Santa Barbara (493786) **2.45** Maude (492057) **3.15** The New Leave It to Beaver (422298) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (3737714) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3331) **6.00** Rescue (7183) **6.30** E Street (8415) **7.00** Alf (1250) **7.30** Family Ties (7927) **8.00** S.I.B.S. (7298) **8.30** Round Table (51521) **9.30** Hill Street Blues (30328) **10.30** Studs (43250) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (56873) **12.00** Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (54078) **9.30** Nightline (69811) **10.30** Fashion TV (24969) **11.30** Business Report (60589) **1.30pm** Good Morning America (29434) **2.30** Parliament Live (69960) **3.30** Parliament Live (55347) **5.00** Live at Five (34873) **7.30** Fashion TV (5569) **10.30** Nightline (72182) **11.30** ABC News (35163) **12.30am** Fashion TV (69019) **1.30** ABC News (20632) **2.30** Those Were the Days (50822) **3.30** ABC News (82787) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (73212) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (53477)

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (2402366)
10.00 Sweet 15: A Mexican girl discovers that she is an illegal immigrant (69811)
12.00 Blue (1968): Western starring Terence Stamp and Joanna Pettet (54927)
2.00pm Echoes of a Summer (1976): Jodie Foster plays a dying girl (12862)
4.00 Going Under (1990): Comedy about the inept crew of a nuclear submarine. Starring Bill Pullman (42433986)
5.50 Sweet 15 (as 10am) (18759873)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (7149808)
8.00 Clean and Sober (1988): Michael Keaton enrols in a detoxification clinic (61295076)
10.05 State of Grace (1991): Sean Penn infiltrates a crime syndicate run by childhood friend Ed Harris (31620453)
12.20am Dangerous Obsession: Adult drama (2699835)
1.45 52 Pick-Up (1986): Roy Scheider is blackmailed by three pornographic film-makers (80785632)
3.50 He Said, She Said (1991): Kevin Bacon and Elizabeth Perkins star as rival journalists (6814125). Ends at **5.55**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Command Decision (1948, b/w): Second world war drama starring Clark Gable and Walter Pidgeon (90618)
8.00 Ode to Billy Joe (1976): Romantic tragedy based on the 1967 ballad by Bobby Gentry (95163)
10.00 Midnight Express (1978): Fact-based story about an American in a Turkish prison (60989). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.30am Operation Bikini (1984): Second world war drama (5022786)
7.45 Bikini Beach (1964). Musical comedy starring Frankie Avalon (25780347)
9.35 Here Comes the Groom (1951): Bing Crosby tries to stop Jane Wyman from marrying a millionaire (47982540)
11.35 The Charge of the Model Ts (1976): A German spy attempts to infiltrate the United States with an armed car (41895786)
1.10pm The Buster Keaton Story (1957): Biopic of the comic actor (21783927)
2.50 The Lost World of Sinbad (1963): Japanese swashbuckler (87279144)
5.00 Held Hostage (1991): Story of a reporter kidnapped in Beirut (47076)
7.00 Almost an Angel (1990): Paul Hogan thinks that he has died (83927)
9.00 Deadly Desire (1991): Jack Scalia is seduced by Kathryn Harrold (99926)
11.00 Another 48 Hours (1990): Nick Nolte and Eddie Murphy in partnership (426521)
12.40am Friday the 13th Part II (1981): The story continues five years on (237809)
2.15 The Kissing Place (1990). A boy tries to escape from his psychopathic surrogate mother (252922)
3.45 I'm No Angel (1933, b/w): Mae West in amorous pursuit of Cary Grant (257477)
5.15 Flesh and Fantasy (1943, b/w): Three strange tales (3065019) Ends at **7.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (65057) **7.00** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (10095) **7.30** Motor World (99502) **8.00** Watersports World (65499) **9.00** Stretch (45801) **9.30** The Footballers' Football Show (58095) **11.30** Stretch (16144) **12.00** Surfing (53724) **1.00pm** German League Football (60502) **3.00** Muscle Night (10960) **4.00** The Footballers' Football Show (9057) **6.00** Soccer News (582453) **6.03** NHRA Drag Racing (9153) **6.30** The Club Show: Norwich City (6866) **7.00** FIA Rally Championships (90237) **9.00** Cricket: A discussion on England in India (5316) **10.00** Soccer News (437453) **10.03** Ringside (4730724) **12.00** FIA Rally (79961) **2.00-3.00am** Cricket (as 9pm) (86651)

EUROSPORT
8.00am Step Aerobics (93700) **8.30** Handball (41231) **9.30** Freestyle Skiing (7776724) **10.30** Nordic Skiing (54486250) **12.30pm** Ski Jumping (18853144) **3.00** Eurogoals (12328) **4.00** Tennis (7453) **6.00** Nordic Skiing (44078) **7.00** American College Basketball (47434) **8.30** News (9873) **8.00** Tennis (21079) **10.30** Nordic Skiing (62724) **11.30-12.00** Eurosport News (70969)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am Basketball (91182) **8.00** Macau Motorbike Grand Prix (92811) **9.00** German Motorsport (96076) **10.00** Ice Hockey (39415) **11.30** PGA Golf: Moroccan Open (79231) **12.30pm** Ten Pin Bowling (77095) **1.30** Monster Trucks (31502) **2.00** Pro Box (50076) **4.00** Ice Racing (7326) **4.30** Cycling Tour of Taiwan (55434) **5.30** Ten Pin Bowling (39960) **6.30** Pro Kick (16621) **7.30** Football (68786) **8.30** Ice Racing (6347) **9.00** World Cup Soccer: Holland v Turkey (41328) **11.00-1.00am** Basketball (69144)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (38755415) **6.15** Button Moon (38783298) **6.30** Jem (1582569) **7.00** The Animated Flash Gordon (3715796) **7.30** Neighbours (3727521) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5316618) **8.30** EastEnders (5315969) **9.00** The Bill (5339569) **9.30** One by One (5138078) **10.30** Rumpole of the Bailey (7124705) **11.30** Don't Wait Up (1975663) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5319705) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5961250) **1.00** EastEnders (3714057) **1.30** The Bill (5890521) **2.00** Father, Dear Father (7122434) **2.30** Rings on Their Fingers (3242279) **3.00** Dallas (3870499) **4.00** The Animated Flash Gordon (3226231) **4.30** Deke Wilson (3222415) **5.00** Candid Camera (7113786) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (3248065) **6.00** Neighbours (3243906) **6.30** One by One (8290796) **7.30** Father, Dear Father (3223144) **8.00** EastEnders (7142296) **8.30** Rings on Their Fingers (7121705) **9.00** Rumpole of the Bailey (3025328) **10.00** The Bill (5310434) **10.30** Happy Families (5329182) **11.00** Dick Emery (7270255) **11.30** Film: Up Goes Maisie (1946, b/w) starring Ann Sothern (4794279) **1.10-2.00am** Video Bites (9942748)

RADIO 3

6.35 Open University: Pre-Modern Societies **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew Lyle presents music, news, weather and arts stories including Dittersdorf (Symphony No 1 in C, The Four Ages); Rossetti (Partita in F); Sibelius (Scene with Cranes); Strauss (Duet Concertino)
9.00 Composers of the Week: J.C. Bach and His London Contemporaries. J.C. Bach (Sinfonia Concertante in F); Samuel Arnold (Overture No 4 in D); Arnold (Elegy); Storace (The Curfew), William Shield (Ye balmy breezes blow); Abel (Sonata in A, Op 9 No 1); J.C. Bach (Concerto in E flat, Op 7 No 5)
10.00 Midweek Choice, presented by Susan Sharpe. Prokofiev (Suite, Lieutenant Kije: London Philharmonic under Klaus Tennstedt); Handel (Trio Sonata in G minor, HWV 393: L'Ecole d'Orphée); Weber (Piano Concerto No 2 in E flat: Peter Rösel: Dresden Staatskapelle under Herbert Blomstedt); Mozart (Vado, ma dove? K583: Janet Baker, mezzo; Scottish Chamber Orchestra under Raymond Leppard); Whitlock (Folk Tune: Philip Ledger, organ); Haydn (Symphony No 81 in G: Philharmonia Hungarica under Antal Dorati); Shostakovich (String Quartet No 7: Brodsky Quartet); anon (Alpha Bovi: Dum pater familias: New London Consort under Philip Pickett)
12.00 Strauss: Early, Middle and Late: Eight Songs, Op 10 (Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone, Gerald Moore, piano); Three Songs of Ophelia, Op 67 Nos 1-3 (Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, soprano, Geoffrey Parsons, piano), Three Goethe Songs, Op 67 Nos 4-6 (Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Gerald Moore); Four Last Songs (Elisabeth Schwarzkopf: Philharmonia under Herbert von Karajan) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Concert Hall, live from the Concert Hall, Broadcasting House, London. Roy Howat, piano, performs Bartók (Six Dances in Bulgarian Rhythm, Mikrokosmos); Debussy (Images oubliées); Gershwin (Three Preludes); Ravel (Gaspard de la nuit)
2.00 Record Review, with Richard Osborne. Building a Library: Stephen Walsh reviews Berg's opera, *Lulu* (r)
3.30 From Death to Life: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Norman Del Mar performs Moeran (Cello Concerto: Raphael Wallfisch)
4.00 Choral Evensong for Ash Wednesday, live from the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge
5.00 In Tune: Music, news and arts events with Stephen Johnson, who talks to members of the Alban Berg Quartet
7.30 Towards the Millennium, live from Symphony Hall, Birmingham. Elzbieta Szmytka, soprano, Florence Quivar, mezzo, John Connell, bass; CBSO Chorus and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle perform Szymanowski (Litany to the Virgin Mary); Bartók (Ballet, The Miraculous Mandarin). **8.15** Watering Flowers in a House on Fire. Dorota Kwiatkowska explores the literary world of Karol Szymanowski. **8.35** Sibelius (Symphony No 7 in C); Szymanowski (Stabat Mater)
9.30 Hits of the Twenties: Adelaide Hall introduces "Lady Be Good", written and sung by Ella Fitzgerald
9.40 Bona Dies, Bona Sera! Circa 1500 performs songs by the Renaissance composer Marchetto Cara
10.00 Liszt: In the first of two programmes, Leslie Howard and Ian Munro, two pianos, perform Liszt (Grosses Konzertstück on themes from Mendelssohn's Songs without Words; Concerto pathétique)
10.45 Night Waves. John Tusa investigates the cultural identity of Macedonia
11.30 Late Brahms: Three Intermezzos, Op 117 (Wilhelm Kempff, piano); Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op 115 (Fiona Cross; Vanbrugh Quartet)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as R5 at 1.05pm)

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RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves and birthday guest Tim Sebastian
10.00-10.30 News; Greek as a Treat (FM only): Spiritual Strife and Painful Erections. Peter France compares ancient Greek theatre with television soap operas
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Revelations of Divine Love (LW only), by the 14th-century mystic Julian of Norwich. Read by Hannah Gordon (5/12)
10.30 Woman's Hour talks to Maggie Steed about her role as Aunt Vickie in Dennis Potter's *Lipstick on Your Collar*; meets fathers who prefer not to attend their children's birth; and discusses God. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Gardener's Question Time: A postbag edition (r)
12.00 You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm A Whole New Ball Game: A comedy series by Martin Davies **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Return of Sherlock Holmes: The Empty House
● CHOICE: Had Professor Moriarty existed in fact as well as in fiction, he would have had cause to be grateful to Bert Coules, who adapted this story about a murderous marksman. In *The Final Problem*, which precedes *The Empty House* chronologically, Moriarty goes wordlessly to his watery grave. But Coules, in his flashback to *The Final Problem* has written a handful of valedictory lines for Moriarty (Michael Pennington) showing him vocal and defiant to the last. He has also penned a touching deathbed scene for Mrs Watson, which Conan Doyle omitted to do
2.47 More Wrestling than Dancing: Having a Smashing Time on the M40. David Moreau ponders life's oddities, for the last time in the series (r)
3.00 File on 4: Wendy Jones reports on the move by Hoover from Dijon to Glasgow, and what this means for the European single market (r)
3.42 Encounters: Christopher Cook meets historical figures through the BBC sound archives **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the week's film releases and reports from the 1993 Berlin film festival; looks at the Association of British Orchestras' work on *The Turn of the Tide* by Peter Maxwell Davies; and reviews an exhibition of wood engravings by Howard Phipps in Salisbury
4.45 Short Story: The Trouble with Pork, by R.W. Jones. Read by Sriol Jenkins
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Counterpoint: Ned Sherrin chairs the fourth heat of the musical quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Age to Age reflects on American/Soviet relations; and examines the history of Macedonia (r)
**8.45 The Hospital

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Resistance crumbles swiftly as Indians complete historic series victory

English illusions swept away

FROM PETER BALL IN BOMBAY

IN THE end, it was not even close. India took less than three hours to claim the seven remaining England wickets and win the third and final Test match by an innings and 15 runs yesterday, in the process removing any hope that England would restore some vestige of pride.

It was England's second successive defeat by an innings. They have lost the series 3-0, their heaviest defeat by India. With some justification, the Bombay papers have christened it a "Brownwash". It could hardly be more comprehensive. England going down twice by an innings and on the other occasion by eight wickets.

They have lost every match of a Test series on only four previous occasions — once at home (five matches to West Indies in 1984), twice in Australia (five matches in 1920-1 and three in 1979-80) and once in the West Indies (five matches in 1985-6).

"We have played very poorly and you can't hide from that," Graham Gooch, the England captain, said yesterday. "We weren't good enough, we didn't play well and I feel responsible for the performance." That sense of responsibility left Gooch considering his own future as captain and player yesterday: "When you've lost 3-0, you've got to think about whether you want to carry on, haven't you?"

Keith Fletcher, the England manager, was quick to insist that Gooch retained his support as captain. "We have got to think about beating Australia and I think Graham is the best man for the job," he said.

Gooch, as he is the first to admit, has had a poor series, missing one Test through illness and making little impression on the other two. It did not provide the example the team needed, but there seems little reason to doubt that even if a bottle of red wine and a good night's sleep doesn't lift his depression immediately, by April his energy and optimism will have been fully restored by the thought of an Australian summer.

Gooch can hardly take all the blame for the series as a whole or yesterday's performance, eager as he is to accept responsibility. "India have outplayed us in every department," Fletcher said. That was as true yesterday as on the tour in general.



GRAHAM MORRIS

Over and out: More delivers the final blow that claimed the wicket of DeFreitas and condemned England to defeat yet again against India in Bombay yesterday

On a pitch that again gave the spinners some encouragement, but had still been good enough for India to get 591, England collapsed spinelessly. Anil Kumble, whose four wickets took his total in the three Tests to 21 to earn him the player-of-the-series award, yesterday looked a more complete bowler than he had at the start of the tour, bowling with more variety and removing Smith to end any realistic hope England had of saving the match.

To add to the frustration, England enjoyed a reasonable start. Smith and Gatting began where they left off on Monday evening, adding 41 as both reached their fifties in a deceptively trouble-free first hour.

The drinks' break signalled the end of England's breathing space, however, as Chauhan replaced Kumble and made the breakthrough in his second over. Gatting was drawn forward and beaten through the air and, although More initially fumbled the chance as the off-break turned sharply, he recovered to break the wicket as Gatting recovered his ground.

If that tilted the balance slightly, it swung decisively seven overs later as Kumble returned in place of Raju and removed Smith in his first over with a leg-break that pitched on middle stump and did just enough to beat the bat and hit off stump. Blakey fell first ball, playing all round Kumble's staple top-spinner, and although Lewis prevented the hat-trick, the end was in sight. Although Hick and Lewis reached the interval unscathed, any match-saving heroics were beyond them. Lewis got a brute that bounced off a length and turned to take the shoulder of his bat or a glove. Hick survived longer, but then received one of the game's few questionable decisions, given out caught off bat and pad at short-leg.

That denied him a deserved 50, but the decision probably only brought forward the inevitable. Hick received some consolation, winning the man-of-the-match award for his first innings' efforts — a decision Kambli and Kumble might think the most questionable of all in an excellently adjudicated match.

Simon Barnes, page 36

England won toss

ENGLAND: First Innings 347 (G A Hick 178).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
*G A Gooch b Prabhakar	6	-	-	33	20
Hit around slower ball					
A J Stewart lbw b Prabhakar	10	-	2	21	18
Beaten by inswinger					
M A Atherton c More b Prabhakar	11	-	2	29	24
Flicked outswinger to wicketkeeper					
R A Smith b Kumble	62	-	12	210	166
Played around faster ball					
M W Gatting st More b Chauhan	61	-	9	168	147
Stepped out to drive					
G A Hick c Amre b Kumble	47	-	8	67	62
Nudge to short leg					
†R J Blakey b Kumble	0	-	-	1	1
Played down wrong line					
C C Lewis c More b Raju	3	-	-	21	15
Edged sharply-turning ball					
J E Emburey c Tendulkar b Kumble	1	-	-	23	20
Edged low catch to gully					
P A J DeFreitas st More b Raju	12	1	1	19	14
Charged down pitch					
P C R Tufnell not out	2	-	-	12	11
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 1, nb 1)	12				
Total (310min, 82.5 overs)	229				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17 (Gooch 6), 2-26 (Atherton 7), 3-34 (Smith 1), 4-155 (Smith 54), 5-181 (Hick 17), 6-181 (Hick 17), 7-206 (Hick 39), 8-214 (Emburey 0), 9-215 (DeFreitas 0).

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 7-1-21-0 (w 1) (one spell); Prabhakar 11-4-26-3 (nb 1) (8-2-27-3, 3-2-1-0); Raju 26.5-7-68-2 (8-4-24-0, 2-0-2-0, 10-1-26-0, 6.5-2-16-2); Kumble 28-9-70-4 (9-3-19-0, 8-3-27-0, 9-3-24-4); Chauhan 12-5-32-1 (5-3-8-0, 7-2-24-1).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Overnight: 108-3 (39 overs; Smith 39, Gatting 31). 150: 210min, 56.2 overs. Lunch 198-6 in 70 overs (Hick 31, Lewis 3). 200: 268min, 71.2 overs. Innings closed 12.46pm.

INDIA: First Innings 591 (V G Kambli 224, N S Sidhu 79, S R Tendulkar 78, P K Amre 57; P C R Tufnell 4-142).

Umpires: P D Reporter and S Venkataraghavan.

Man of the match: G A Hick.

Man of the series: A Kumble.

Result: India won by an innings and 15 runs.

PREVIOUS RESULTS: First Test (in Calcutta): India won by eight wickets. Second Test (in Madras): India won by an innings and 22 runs.

Dexter ready to face board enquiry

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TED Dexter last night defended his position as chairman of England's selectors and confirmed his support for Graham Gooch to lead the side against Australia this summer.

"It's up to the people who appointed me in the first place," Dexter said. "I've examined my conscience and I can't see that I've been lacking in diligence, but if they want to move me on, that's up to them."

The series in India is sure to be discussed by Dexter's employer, the Test and County Cricket Board, at its next meeting, on March 9 and 10. Dexter, who still has 12 months of his contract to run, is confident he can answer any questions that might be thrown at him.

He will also insist that Gooch should continue as captain. "Graham would be the absolute natural choice for next summer as far as I'm concerned."

Asked whether a different tour party would have produced better results, Dexter said: "We shall never know the answer to that. But in this series we have been beaten not by a little but by a country mile. That suggests we could have permed another 15 or 18 players and it wouldn't have made any difference.

"Everyone has tried their best, but the results in the Tests have been very disappointing. Man for man, in their conditions, India were better than us.

"What we must remember is that just a few weeks ago India came back from South Africa a beaten side and with all their supporters calling for changes. They got back to winning ways in their own country and we must do the same against Australia this summer."

☐ England have lost 16 of their 38 matches — or 42.1 per cent — since Dexter became chairman of selectors in March 1989, figures that are worse than any other Test-playing country over the same period.

	P	W	D	L	%L	%W
England	38	9	13	16	42.1	23.7
New Zealand	22	3	11	8	36.4	13.6
India	28	4	14	10	35.7	14.3
Sri Lanka	12	1	7	4	33.3	8.3
Zimbabwe	3	0	2	1	33.3	
West Indies	27	13	8	8	22.2	48.1
South Africa	6	1	3	1	20.0	20.0
Australia	36	16	15	5	13.9	44.4
Pakistan	22	8	11	3	13.6	36.4

Leading questions shadow Gooch's future



Fletcher: mentor

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, on England's captaincy options in the wake of the Test debacle in Bombay

THESE early weeks of 1993 have been an embarrassment for the England team and its captain. Graham Gooch has never been a man for easy excuses. "As captain, I feel very responsible," he said yesterday. "If things go well, you take the credit, so when they go wrong, you have to take responsibility."

He felt the same way two years ago, when the last Ashes campaign ended in defeat, dismay and disarray. This time, the burden may hang heavier on those sloping shoulders. Gooch's name is inseparable from selections that were derided at the time and have been shown to be misguided. His policies have failed him and so has his form.

There is a peculiarly British relish for this sort of debacle. Every bar and office in the country will have been filled with people proclaiming themselves ashamed of the situation, yet secretly wallowing in it. Spurred by headlines such as "Get out. Gooch must quit now", many will have been calling the captain to account.

Gooch will not argue. He knows his detractors have a point. But, as with other trigger reactions, the calls to sack all the selectors (supported by 93 per cent of voters in a Teletext poll) or to restore David Gower as captain (cut from 33-1 to 10-1 by bookmakers yesterday), ditching Gooch would cause more problems than it would solve.

Gooch's planning, and that of the England committee, has revolved around ending his captaincy career against Australia this summer. It is his dearest wish to regain the Ashes and, as he approaches his fortieth birthday, this will be his last chance. He may think he has surrendered that chance. Good sense, and good counsel, should convince him otherwise.

Probably, he did make one tour too many, agreeing to go for the laudable but unconvincing reason that his mentor, Keith Fletcher, was to be the manager. Gooch found India an ordeal on his last visit, 11 years ago, and he has not come to terms with it any more successfully this time. How preoccupied he has been by the breakdown of his marriage, only he will know.

Yet if not Gooch, then who? It is a sad fact that there was no other pressing contender to do the job when the touring side was chosen and that such candidates as exist have done their prospects no good at all in recent weeks.

Apart from Gower, whose previous tenure was brief and painful, only three names can seriously be proposed. Of these, Mike Gatting is still associated with the indisciplines of his time as leader and his sulking departure for South Africa when it ended, while the credentials of Michael Atherton and Alec Stewart bear little scrutiny.

Atherton is not even entrusted with the captaincy of Lancashire, much as he would like it, and Stewart's maturity has once again been called into question on this tour by his theatrical response to dismissals.

As arranged, Stewart is to take over the side for the Sri Lankan leg of the tour, which Gooch is missing, but it would be doing him, and the team, a favour to resolve his identity as an opening batsman or wicketkeeper, or both, before entrusting him with additional duties.

India has provided an eye-opening few weeks. England have been utterly unable to cope with a home side playing to strengths it had for too long forgotten it possessed. The gulf between the teams has been so vast that the losing captain must, properly, consider his position. But it remains, at least until the end of the summer, a position for which he is the best qualified.

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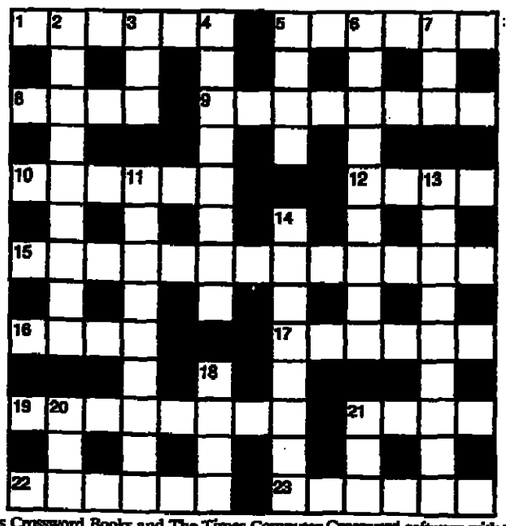
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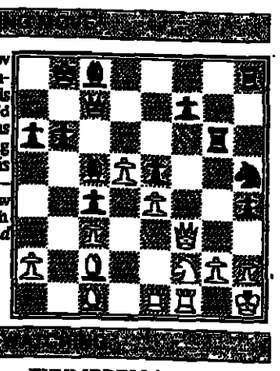
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World champion Gary Kasparov has always cited the great champion Alexander Alekhine as his chess hero. Kasparov has said that Alekhine's combinations "came like a bolt of lightning from a clear sky". This position is from the game Bogolyubov — Alekhine, Wiesbaden 1929. How did black come crashing through on the kingside? *(Raymond Keene)*



Solution on page 36.

WORD GAMES

By PHILIP HOWARD

TRAHENT
a. An internal tangent
b. A contracting party
c. Lubriciously enticing, as Circe

TOONIE
a. Mad
b. A sheepdog
c. A choir-master

EXUMBRELLA
a. Railway lost property
b. Bit of a jelly-fish
c. Former scrubland

MERRY WIDOW
a. A type of champagne
b. A broad-brimmed hat
c. A typographical fault

Answers on page 36

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